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WE NEED YOU TO STEP UP AND HELP US PROGRESS PLANS FOR THE HARCOURT COMMUNITY PLAY SPACE

After years of lobbying, dreaming and planning, now is the time to act! 2018 is the year when we can see real progress made on the new play space.

There's a council budget due in coming months and a state election looming at the end of the year. What's required is the community input to help plan and progress the next steps to see these dreams realised. We are forming a Harcourt Play Space Working Group and are seeking people who can contribute ideas and energy. This is a WORKING GROUP, not a forum for endless meetings, but a mechanism to identify what needs to be done and then get down and do it!

If you can contribute an occasional hour or can take on a delegated job, we'd love to have you on board. Come along to a working group meeting to find out how you can get involved on Wednesday, 11th April from 7pm – 8.30pm at the ANA Hall.

Contact Robyn Miller on 0467 670 271 or 5474 2754 for more information.



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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.



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MEMBER 2018

THE BIGGEST DAY OUT IN Harcourt, the Applefest, was once again a huge success in 2018. Patrons of all ages found something to enjoy: be it offerings at the various food stalls, listening to performers, admiring shiny vintage and special cars and artworks or trying out the many activities

at the Kids Karnival. Many visitors were fascinated by the array of apples and pears in the Fruit Growers tent. People frequently said, “I didn’t know there were so many types of apples!”



The Castlemaine Pipe Band is a regular and popular feature of the Harcourt Applefest. They are shown here leading the parade into the centre of Stanley Park North.



The Applefest in full swing

Children’s Applefest Art Work

A feature of the Applefest Art Show has been the Harcourt Valley Primary School display: La Larr Ba Gauwa (Stones and Mountain). The art works, exhibited at the Heritage Centre, have been widely admired by Applefest visitors. Those who have studied the children’s work and commented on their creativity have included the members and staff of the Heritage Council of Victoria and a large number of the regional Landcare organisation.

In creating the art works, using paint, pastel, crayon or pencil, the children have truly gained a deep-rooted knowledge of *Leanganook*, the location of *la-larr-ba-gauwa*.

In the process of depicting the features of the mountain the children

- have come to realize that granite has a crystalline texture,
- have gaped at the immense height of the television masts (Victoria’s highest structures),
- have noticed the grand old-man gum trees, have closely observed the wildlife - bats, possums, gliders, rabbits, kangaroos, snakes, foxes, eagles and other birds,

- have been over-awed by the size of the great boulders and
- have identified their favourite granite tor, (and here we must mention the ‘pet rocks’ that are included in the display).

The display poses the question: What does Mount Alexander look like? The answer is, of course, that the mountain is a different shape, depending on the point of the compass from which you see it. Most of our local Primary School pupils have depicted ‘their’ mountain as seen from the western side. Some have depicted it from the view of one standing on the slopes, looking among the trees. Others have seen only the awesome scale of the granite outcrops. One child has depicted the mountainside as viewed from a drone or from the eye of *Bunjil*. Thus the artworks give an insight to the tremendous range of aspects and recreational uses open to our community when it thinks about ‘our’ nearby mountain/regional park.

We are grateful to the students for their work and to Hannah Vellacott and Andrew Blake for their help in bringing this display to a wide and admiring audience.

George Milford



Applefest Art Show

Significant increases in attendances and sales were recorded at the 2018 Applefest Art Show. It is encouraging to report that nineteen works were sold, with one sale in particular followed up by a commission, under which the artist has been asked to make further paintings to add to the series displayed (and sold) at Harcourt. Younger artists were well represented; there were 29 student works this year compared to 18 last year.

Judge Ben Winspear commented on the skill of the many artists who handled their materials with sensitivity and understanding of the medium. Jo Porter, of Regional Centre for Culture 2018 was the guest opener this year. Funds raised by the Art Show assist the operation of Harcourt Heritage Centre. But the great thing about the art show is that it stimulates excellent work by the artists of the region. The Heritage Committee is proud to display such works of art and thanks the artists as well as the volunteers who gave practical help in setting up and staffing the show.

George Milford



2018 Applefest Art Show winners, from left at back: Heather McKean, Neil Gude, Kristina Browning, Steph B, Ben Winspear (Art Show Judge), Karli S and Robert Watson, with (at front) Robyn Yeoward and Søren. Missing were Bill Boyes, Joan Halpin, Catherine Tait and Micah M.

AWARDS

Best in Show (Chairman's Award)	\$300
Artist: Robert Watson	Title: Brokenback Hillside
Highly Commended Oil/Acrylic	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Robert Watson	Title: Harcourt Nocturne
Best Oil/Acrylic (Cameron Lang Memorial Award)	\$150
Artist: Heather McKean	Title: The Conversation.
Highly commended watercolour	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Bill Boyes	Title: Oak Forest 1
Best Watercolour(Shirley Stewart Memorial Award)	\$150
Artist: Neil Gude	Title: Nick's Truck, Mandurang
Highly Commended Other Medium	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Kristina Browning	Title: Rabbit
Best Other Medium	\$150
Artist: Joan Halpin	Title: Dam (Monoprint)
Highly Commended Local Subject	ASQ voucher \$50
Artist: Robyn Yeoward	Title: Faraday Garden 2
Best Local Subject	\$150
Artist: Catherine Tait	Title: Little Red Apple

STUDENT AWARDS

Highly Commended Junior 12 years & under	\$20
Artist: Micah M	Title: Little Blue Wren
Best Junior 12 years & under	\$40
Artist: Søren	Title: Moody Mt Alexander
Highly Commended Senior 13 to 18 years	\$30
Artist: Karli S	Title: Zen 1
Best Senior 13 to 18 years	\$60
Artist: Steph B	Title: Green Tree Frog

Show'n'Shine

Twenty-nine vehicles were submitted for judging at the Applefest Show'n'Shine. This was an increase on the number that rolled up at last year's event.

A lot of interest was attracted by the range of vehicles on display: some with superb duco, others in original condition with evidence of careful ownership, some had been painstakingly restored and some had been seriously modified. There was a lot to see and it was a challenging job for the judges.

A blue Holden FJ sedan in original condition with stick-shift gear change brought back memories of motoring sixty years ago. The oldest vehicle was Geoff Pollard's 1937 La Salle coupe. While a rare 2-door 1948 Ford De Luxe coupe had been driven to Harcourt by a learner driver. This driver is certainly earning his or her L-plates as the car dates from long before power steering became common.

The judges made particular mention of an Austin delivery van with wheel spats. One of the judges, Brian Harwood of Sterling Auto, noted that this vehicle still had its original Lucas headlights.

The choice of the five best fell to:-

- Martin McNeill's open top 1958 Morris Minor 1000,
- Susan Barker's four-door 1948 Morris 10,
- Charles Scott's E-type 1968 Jaguar,
- Ian Ellis's swanky 1958 Chevrolet Biscayne sedan and
- A black Valiant push-button automatic sedan. The judges never met the owners of this vehicle as they were somewhere away in the crowd. If you know the owner please tell them that this vehicle was regarded as the highlight of the Show'n'Shine.

Members of Bendigo Morris Club, Castlemaine Rods Inc, Central Victoria Ford Mustang Club and Castlemaine Historic Vehicle Club competed for the awards, kindly sponsored by Harcourt Auto Wreckers, of Midland Highway, Barkers Creek. The Show'n'Shine was surrounded by colour, action and interest, from belly dancers to town criers. It certainly added to the range of great sights to see at the ANA Hall/James Park precinct of the 2018 Harcourt Applefest.

George Milford

Easter Egg Hunt

Although it was a smaller Easter Egg Hunt this year, Stanley Park provided a beautiful setting for this year's event. Beginning just after the outdoor Easter Sunday Service, the hunt attracted families from far and wide, some attending for their third year. Children made baskets and bunny ears and gathered their eggs, while Mums and Dads enjoyed a coffee from the Goldfields Track Café. While folks relaxed on the picnic rugs provided as part of the hunt, they were entertained by musicians Jim Brannon and Russell James of Mood Swing with their quirky musical style.

Next year the Easter Egg Hunt will return to the Oak Forest and will be bigger and better than ever.



Providing entertainment at the Easter Egg Hunt: Mood Swing with Jim Brannon (clarinet) and Russell James (piano accordion).

ANZAC Day

The Anzac Day speaker is a local Castlemaine man, Ron Lister, who will speak of the effect of modern warfare on those serving in the armed forces and their families. Ron's daughter is a serving member of the forces and has been posted overseas. This will give a new insight to what we see and hear nightly on our TV screens.

As usual, the Anzac Day observance will commence at the ANA Hall at 2.30. Following afternoon tea we shall march to Stanley Park for the wreath laying. A special feature this year will be the 100 poppies knitted by Harcourt folk. Diana Cork has been coordinating this activity. After the service, the poppies will be sent to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra to form part of the display commemorating the centenary of the 1918 Armistice on November 11th

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Congratulations to all involved in Applefest 2018 and may your pies, cider and royalty continue to delight for years to come!

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Alister has mountain-bike fever

Alister Brasher (15) guides a black, single-fork, Cannondale “Scalpel” mountain bike skilfully around a challenging rock garden on the flanks of Mt Alexander. The bike is a long way from the \$300 red-and-black Essendon Bombers-themed bike he remembers most vividly from the collection of bikes he rode as a child. But the joy with which he rides has not changed a bit.

Unlike the Bombers bike, the race-quality Cannondale bike is not a gift from his loving parents, but a sign that Al is a talented young rider – and a generous gesture from owners of local bike shop The Bike Vault. The bike was the first of many bike products that Al is now able to enjoy as a Bike Vault junior ambassador.



“We’d been customers at The Bike Vault for ages, and Peter and Gary knew I was in the market for a new bike,” says Al. “They approached me asking if they could support me. Being an ambassador allows me to ride a much better-quality bike than I’d ever dreamed of.”

Al was not the only Brasher to be pleased with the news – mountain bike riding at a high level is not a cheap sport. A family joke says that if Al falls off the bike, his mum enquires first about the status of the bike, and second about the welfare of her son (“please tell me the derailleur isn’t broken again?”)

“If it wasn’t for the Bike Vault,” says Al, “I’d still be riding the eight-year old bike in the shed, with the seat post that I have to put up about four centimetres above the maximum intended height, in order for me to ride it.”

After seeing the passion that Al had for mountain-bike riding, Peter and Gary were keen to help the oldest-of-five out.

“Al is really a gentleman. He’s a lovely boy and very responsible for his age. He’s got that passion to move ahead and no matter what he does he’ll give it his all. We can help him and his family out by putting him on the right bike – and if we do that we know he’ll improve.”

Peter and Gary were not the first to recognise Al’s keen spirit. Paula Ewing and Andy Bos, owners of cycling-centric Harcourt accommodation business Tread, had spotted it a couple of years earlier and had offered Al riding tips, encouragement and lifts to rides and events.

“When we first started riding with Al, he showed great skills and

potential – even on a pretty basic bike. He’s a terrific young kid from a great family so it was great to be able to help him out. He’s a real talent so we’ll be watching with huge interest as his cycling progresses.”

Paula in fact, just about gifted Al his first proper mountain bike after Al’s family returned from a weekend riding the trails at cycling town Forrest (in which all seven family members rode the trails, including young Paddy, then two years old, on the back of Mum Andrea’s bike). Al brought home mountain-bike fever and was on the hunt for a bike.

“I’d ridden a really good-quality hire bike at Forrest and loved it. I wanted to buy a proper mountain bike of my own. Paula asked if I wanted hers, but when she heard I’d be paying for it out of my own money, she refused to take it.”

Instead, Paula suggested Al could mow the lawns at Tread to pay off the bike.

Al feels thankful for Paula and Andy’s support. “If it wasn’t for them, I might not even be mountain bike riding still. They introduced me to the Castlemaine Rocky Riders mountain bike club – and that was the beginning of all of this.”



Brian Brasher agrees many people in the local community have helped Al tremendously – as well as the Bike Vault sponsorship he has benefited from mentoring from the Castlemaine Rocky Riders, the Wednesday night “shop ride” and coaching by Bendigo-based junior mountain bike riding program the Two-Wheel Academy. He has provided the passion and they in turn have imparted their wisdom.

Al has come a long way since he first rode the apple orchards and paddocks around his house as a kid. These days, he rides the world-class mountain bike trails less than a kilometre from home. He loves the feeling he gets from riding: the achievement of tackling a hard obstacle, the adrenaline he gets from riding downhill and testing himself against the “fast guys”.

The fast guys had better watch out. Al Brasher is just warming up.

Bron Willis



Harcourt CFA

Excerpt from latest CFA Media Release 28 March 2018

Summer's Over, Fire Restrictions Are Not

Although summer officially ended on 28 February, the Fire Danger Period didn't!

Residents are reminded that fire restrictions remain in force within the Central Goldfields, City of Greater Bendigo, Macedon Ranges and Mt Alexander Shires due to ongoing very dry conditions. A date to lift restrictions will not be determined until after Easter but will be widely publicised by CFA.

CFA District 02 Operations Manager Trent McKinnon said "You may begin to see smoke from stubble burning as of next week but that would not mean restrictions have been lifted. Over the last fortnight we have seen communities across the state seriously impacted by fire and conditions in our municipality remain very dry and the risk of fire remains very high."

Applefest Roundup

The Brigade held a very successful open day once again for Applefest. We were well supported by the North West Region Community Education Group who provided the Little Red Fire Truck for the children to play with giving us an opportunity to talk to their parents about their fire related questions. The Region also provides a vast array of literature giving a wealth of information. Our fire trucks also were very popular and it was interesting the number of times we heard the comment, "We did not realise how BIG they are," as most people only see them passing by in the street on the way or returning from a callout. This does highlight once again the importance of ensuring we can access your property in an emergency. Our wood raffle was very well supported and we thank those who purchased tickets. The winner this year was Greg Bagley from Barkers Creek.



District 2 Rural Fire Brigade Competition Championships

As mentioned in the March edition of the Core, the Brigade hosted this year's championships on March 25th at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve. The day commenced with The Mayor Bronwen Machin opening the championships which saw some spirited competition among the 12 junior and 15 senior teams. Although the day was mainly overcast and windy with the occasional shower, the day went off really well. Positive comments were received from the competing teams (including from the Swan Hill team who made a special effort to visit us for the day), on the great surface of the ground, the catering provided by the brigade and for a well organised day. For some visiting teams, it was their first visit into the town rather than just passing through on the freeway.



Changing weather patterns

While the Brigade has been busy with regular training, Applefest and the district championships, the number of callouts has dropped off with the arrival of some cooler weather and the first of the autumn rain.

At the time of writing, fire restrictions are still in force (see media release above), with no set date for their removal. The hot and windy weather in mid-March was a reminder of how dry conditions were: there were four major fires in the South West of Victoria which burnt thousands of hectares of farmland, blue gum plantations as well as houses and farm buildings. As these conditions were similar throughout Victoria, the potential existed for similar fires to occur here in Central Victoria. This is why it is important to ensure we do not let our guard down and continue to take all the precautions and remain prepared for fire. As we move into April, it is time to think about winter time fire safety. Prevention is always better than the cure, so it is time to clean the chimney or flue for wood fire heating. Checking and changing of smoke alarm batteries should be part of your fire safety program as well.

Tyrone Rice
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator



Chatting with Harcourt CWA

Applefest has come and gone for this year and our thanks go out to everyone who helped make it such a successful and enjoyable day.

It was such a pleasure to see so many young people and men coming to our stall to buy our produce. The muffins, biscuits and preserves were a big hit. In these days of mass production and use-by dates, how nice it is to enjoy something made straight from the oven.



Two more muffins please



The raffle for the beautiful quilt was popular

Our main raffle prize this year was a quilt made by our member Robyn McConville. Many thanks to everyone who bought a ticket but, of course, there can only be one winner, and the winner was Lois Grant from Harcourt. There were however second and third prizes, and second prize was won by Julian C/o Dot, and T. Armstrong took out the third prize.

In March our Half Yearly Central Victoria Group Conference was hosted by the Castlemaine Branch and new office bearers were elected. This is always an enjoyable day and our guest speaker from CWA Headquarters, Treasurer Jeanette O'Keefe, is seen here with the newly elected Group President Pat Pearson on the left, Group Secretary Dani Kent, Jeanette O'Keefe, and Group Treasurer Leanne Mullen. Congratulations ladies, and best wishes for a successful term in office.



The newly-elected Group Office Bearers

We meet each Thursday at the Harcourt Leisure Centre in Bingham's Road at 1pm. If you would like to join us, we would like to see you.

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Harcourt Heritage Centre

Tom Hogarth

Tom Hogarth's grandparents, Henry and Jane Hogarth, arrived in Australia 1853 and selected land at Walmer in 1860. Their son George married Charlotte Upstill and had a family of twelve. Thomas Hogarth was one of the twelve. He had five sisters and six brothers. He had been born at Bark Hut Gully, Walmer in March 1893. Tom Hogarth went to South Ravenswood School for most of his education as he lived with Mr & Mrs Jabez Michell at Porcupine Hill for most of his childhood and teen years. He was at school when Mrs Mary M Eagle was the teacher. Mrs. Eagle drove to school in a horse drawn jinker. Tommy was the pupil entrusted with looking after the pony for Mrs. Eagle and, for his efforts, she paid him threepence per week. (Wee Tommy was the name of this pony.)

After leaving school Tommy Hogarth worked for W J Stoneman, grocer, in Castlemaine, then he and his brother conducted a grocery business at the corner of Doveton and Hargraves Street for many years. Tommy wed Ethel McGowan and came to Harcourt where he purchased the orchard known as Bennett's on the Midland Highway. He was one of the earliest to conduct a fruit stall on the roadside.

Later he turned to dairying and operated a milk-round in the township of Harcourt where he made many friends with his cheerful manner, always ready with a joke or two. His son Jack and daughter Josie joined him on the round and a merry trio they made, doing the mail delivery as well. When his son married the happy team dissolved partnership and the son went his own way. Tommy gave the milk round away and concentrated on beef production. He was a constant visitor to the Bendigo cattle market and made many friends there. He was a memorable character peering through the railings with a cheery word or two. Josie Hogarth married Peter Chisholm. Ethel Hogarth died in 1972 and Tommy passed away in July 1975.

This is the third in a series of 'thumbnail sketches' written up by the late Hedley James, now in the collection of Harcourt Heritage Centre. It carries us back to a bygone era, a time of large families, of children being forced to live away from their parents and of milk home-delivered fresh from the milking-shed. Tommy Hogarth was one of Harcourt's best known and popular residents in his day.

Heritage Council of Victoria visits Harcourt.

The Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV), comprising 27 members, alternate members and staff visited Mt Alexander Shire 16th-18th March as part of HCV's annual regional engagement program. The Heritage Council of Victoria, headed by Professor Stuart McIntyre AO is responsible for deciding which places and objects are added to the Victorian Heritage Register. Members' skill-sets include architecture, town planning, archaeology and historical analysis.

On Saturday 17th the group arrived at Harcourt, at short notice, with the express intention of seeing Vick's Viaduct and learning about Harcourt Granite, particularly the granite homes of the valley. After a close inspection of our three-arched rail bridge the HCV group was given afternoon tea followed by a pop-up presentation in which it was explained that in the 1950s and 1960s the granite homes of the district were falling into disrepair. (This was generally due to poor foundations and the problems of heating a stone house) However many of these homes have now been sympathetically restored, renovated and extended while more granite homes have been built. A slide-show gave an insight into the use of granite by the Dja Dja Wurrung and provided a virtual tour of the granite quarries. There is Harcourt Granite a-plenty in William and Collins Streets in the city and we are sure that HCV personnel will now recognize our unique local stone as they walk the streets of Melbourne.

The HCV group spent much of its two-hour visit studying the museum display and seemed reluctant to leave the Heritage Centre. Several were seen clutching copies of the "Granite Homes" book as they boarded their bus, to take a tour of the Oak Forest and the La Larr Ba Gauwa trailhead, driving by selected granite homes en-route. Harcourt has much to boast of in the field of heritage, with substantial investment in house

restoration by private individuals and in the re-purposing of a harvested-and-then-abandoned pine plantation into a world-class public amenity as a mountain bike park.

The Heritage Council of Victoria occupies a place in society in which many of its initiatives are resented, challenged and then pursued through tribunal hearings. Due to the intelligence and enthusiasm of our home-owners, and the support of the Shire heritage advisor, this conflict has not been experienced in Harcourt.

It was a group of heritage professionals who seemed to be in a buoyant mood during the HCV visit to Harcourt.

*George Milford
Harcourt Heritage Centre.*

Fireside Chats

Harcourt Heritage conduct monthly 'fireside chats' on a variety of subjects relating to the area.

In May, join a Dja Dja Wurrung Elder and share stories about their land and their people. The Dja Dja Wurrung have lived in this area for over 40,000 years and wish to share their culture.

Sunday 20 May,
1:30-4:00 pm
Harcourt Heritage Centre
7 High Street, Harcourt
Adults \$5.00

This presentation is part of the 2018 Australian Heritage Festival which runs from 18 April to 20 May and has the theme of My Culture, My Story. For information about the festival and all the events: www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/



Olympians visit Harcourt Valley Primary

On the 5th March the entire school was enthralled to hear the stories of two visiting Olympians who told their personal stories. These two elite athletes are Melissa Tappa and Koti Ngawati. Melissa is Australia's only Olympian/Paralympian and she competes in table tennis. Koti is a swimmer who



made the Rio team, but sadly missed out on this year's Commonwealth Games due to an unexpected health issue. The two women shared their stories of reliance, hard work and healthy lifestyles.

(Based on a post in FlexiBuzz, the school's social media app)



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Women's Cricket Match

After a nail-biting last over, Barkers Creek Cricket Club won the women's cricket match recently held against Castlemaine United Cricket Club. The true winners on the day were local women, because this game highlighted to all involved that women love sport, and many of them don't even know they do until they give it a try!

Barkers Creek CC team captained by Tayla Hansen consisted of Mother-Daughter pairs Brooke and Tia Davidge and Donna and Katie Petrusma, alongside Nicole Semmens, Jo Martin, Netta Grant, Emma Renfrey, Wendy Murphy, Kelly O'Keefe and Raewyn Rice. The tight match against Castlemaine United CC also included three Mother-Daughter pairs in Andrea (Captain) and Sammy Brasher, Sharon and Brionee Unthank and Helen and Chloe Butcher. Also in the Castlemaine side were Veronica Budnikas, Kelly Woodman, Tanya McKimmie, Ebony Allen, Laura Pratt and the big-hitting Kirshy McAinch.

The atmosphere was electric, complete with big-bash feel music and commentating between overs! The crowd got to witness some great bowling and some big hits. With the final Barkers Creek CC run tally being 88, Castlemaine United CC only fell short by 3 runs, which came down to the last ball of the game! As it was a modified game, using similar rules to indoor cricket, everyone playing got to have a go at all aspects of the game.

Captain of Women's Big Bash League side Melbourne Stars Kristen Beams, was in attendance to provide encouragement, coaching tips and umpire the game. After a short speech about the importance of enjoying the game, the coin was tossed; Barkers Creek won the toss and went in to bat! Spectators and players are all looking forward to a rematch because they had such a great evening. Barkers Creek CC President Shane Renfrey was really impressed by the quality of play, and the enthusiasm of the crowd. "The club is looking forward to the finish of our facilities renovations, so we can hold a follow-on game," he said. Shane also thanked the Mount Alexander Family Violence Prevention Network for their financial support of this game.



Barkers Creek Cricket Club won the women's cricket match recently held against Castlemaine United Cricket Club



Harcourt Bowling Club

PENNANT SUCCESS

AT LAST!

Harcourt Winners! Pennant Grand Finals

Once again Harcourt had 3 of our 5 teams in the finals series of the Pennant season – this is a great achievement for a small Club.

Weekend Pennant Divisions 3 and 6 did the Club proud as they competed in the Bendigo Division Grand final on Saturday 17th March.

With steely reserve and determination Division 6 travelled to White Hills to compete against South Bendigo. The team weren't favourites to win but with the music from a rock concert filtering across the greens, the side put in a mighty effort to come out victors over South Bendigo. We have heard that the music inspired a certain old rocker to put in his best performance of the season.



Division 6 Winners 2018

Meanwhile, over at Kangaroo Flat Division three had a tough time against a determined Bendigo East in a more sombre atmosphere. Unfortunately, a spirited attempt after the tea break was not enough to get them over the line. It was a good effort by the team all the same. Well done to both teams!



Division 3 Runners Up 2018

Weekend Pennant Grand Final results were:-

Division 3 - Harcourt 2/94 lost to Bendigo East 16/113: - Steven Douglas 25/27; Gary Maddern 21/32; Leo Moloney 23/31; Tony Olsson 25/23

Division 6 - Harcourt 15/106 def South Bendigo 3/79:- Ken Tribe 23/23 Ron Douglas 36/7; John Starbuck 30/19; Brian Buchanan 17/30.

Midweek Pennant Division 4 competed in the elimination final against Marong at Golden Square for a chance to play Castlemaine in the Grand Final. Despite the blustery conditions we saw some good bowling in all rinks with Marong coming out as the winning team on the day.

Midweek Pennant Elimination Final

Division 4 – Harcourt 2/69 lost to Marong 4/79:- Kaye Grant 17/27; Heather Braid 29/31; Moira Straw 23/21

Ladies Drawn Pairs

Harcourt women bowlers competed in the club Drawn Pairs on Thursday night March 1st in beautiful conditions. The winning team of Lorna Davey and Wendy Chaplin were the only 3 game winners on the night.



Wendy Chaplin & Lorna Davey

Men's Gough (Drawn) Pairs

On Thursday 8th March the club was again abuzz with 14 teams of men competing for the Gough Pairs title. This annual drawn event is held in honour and memory of former members Harry and Barbara Gough. The winning pair on the night was Club Chairman John Starbuck and Elder Statesman Iain McGibbon.



Gough Pair winners John Starbuck & Iain McGibbon

Veteran

Treasurer of the Bendigo Bowls Division Mr Stephen Piercy visited the Club on Friday 12th March to present the Veterans badge to long term bowler at Harcourt, Castlemaine and Whittlesea, John Morris. John returned to play at Harcourt two years ago from a spell away and as Club Champion last year has shown that he still has the bowling skill and knowhow he had displayed in the past.



Veteran John Morris (Centre) with John Starbuck & Stephen Piercy

Men's and Ladies Nominated Pairs

Harcourt men and women bowlers are well into their rounds of Nominated Pairs Championships, whereby each pair competes with four bowls - bowling 2x2x2x2 each. The best score after 18 ends is deemed the winner and goes on to challenge the next pair in the draw for the Club Championship.

Barefoot Bowls

With the onset of cooler evenings and subsequent smaller gatherings we will not be continuing the Barefoot Bowls until the warmer weather returns. Thank you to all who have attended our Barefoot Bowls nights throughout the season to make them such a success.

Community Connection Membership arrangements with Harcourt Football Club

Harcourt Bowling Club and Harcourt Football Club have introduced a reciprocal membership arrangement whereby members of either Club can join the other as social members for a reduced fee.

This arrangement is designed to foster closer relationships within the local sporting community.

Community Meeting re Neighbourhood Watch

A Community meeting to discuss setting up of Neighbourhood watch in Harcourt will be held at the Harcourt Bowling Club on a Tuesday May 1st.

Free Hearing Screening – March

A total of eight people took advantage of the service provided by Australian Hearing Audiologist Natalie when she conducted free hearing screening at the Harcourt Bowling Club in March.

It is expected that this service will be offered to the Harcourt community again early next year.

Annual Bus Trip to Rich River

On Wednesday 21st March the club hosted a bus trip to Rich River to a group of 54 local men and women. This annual fund-raiser for the club also provides an opportunity for the broader community to join in for a social day out. Thanks to driver Leo Moloney for volunteering his services for the day.

Coming Up in April

Rice Memorial Triples on Saturday 21st

This Annual Club Tournament is held in memory of Ben and Amy Rice, former club stalwarts and foundation members and is keenly contested.

Club Presentation Night

The end of season Presentation night is also held on Saturday 21st in the evening following the Rice Triples. This year the food theme will be Pizza and Pavs paving the way for a great night of celebration of the successful year for the club.

Harcourt Carpet Bowls 2018 Program Suits Winter Sun Seekers

After informal discussion at our meeting on the 28th March, the Club decided to run a split program for 2018. The season will commence on Wednesday 4th April 2018 and run every Wednesday night until the end of May. The games will then start again in August and run until the end of October or early November. As usual our venue will be the Leisure Centre and games will be played from 7.30pm to approximately 9.00pm.

We hope by doing this we can create more interest in the game with the public and families (8 upwards can play) and also allow the "Grey Nomads" to go North for the winter!

Carpet Bowls is inexpensive and family friendly. It's entertaining and competitive, and it's a great social night out.

2018 Fees:

- Senior Players will be charged \$6.00 Registration and \$5.00 per nightly game.
- Players under 17 pay \$3.00 Registration and \$2.50 per nightly game.
- Fees cover Hall Hire, Insurance, and any surplus is used for the end of year break/up

Anyone interested can come to the Leisure Centre on any one of these nights and give it a go (no experience necessary) or get further information from:

Secretary: Loretta: 5474 2453; Ass. Secretary: John: 5474 2226; Treasurer: Tyrone: 5474 2126



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NOW OPEN!

It was an exciting day when La Larr Ba Gauwa Park was officially opened on Friday 9 March, with a ceremony at the Trailhead. Around 100 people attended including members of the local community, bike riding fraternity, government ministers and staff, and contractors.

Minister Jaala Pulford, Minister Lily D'Ambrosio, Maree Edwards MP and Cr Bronwen Machin all spoke at the opening event and congratulated the local community on their drive and determination to deliver this project, which will have significant economic and social benefits for Harcourt and beyond. With an expected 25,000 visitors in 2018 increasing to 100,000 visitors annually within five years, there are plenty of opportunities for the Harcourt community to benefit from these visitors. The Ministers also spoke about the involvement of Goldfields Track, Dja Dja Wurrung, Dirt Art, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Regional Development Victoria in delivering the project.

Once the ribbon was cut to officially open the Park, grade six students from Harcourt Primary School rode the Wanyarra trail. It was terrific to see local children be the first people to officially ride in the Park. They were followed by plenty of other people keen for their first taste of the La Larr Ba Gauwa trails.

Since the opening, Harcourt and La Larr Ba Gauwa have been buzzing with hundreds of cyclists exploring and enjoying the trails.



delwp.vic.gov.au

La Larr Ba Gauwa Park Update

April 2018

Well done to the Harcourt community and other project supporters

So many people in Harcourt have been involved in this project that it is hard to acknowledge everyone because of the fear of missing someone! However, as the Project Director and Project Manager we are very keen to acknowledge the many people and groups that worked together to develop and deliver this project:

- Thanks to the members of the Harcourt community who had the idea to build mountain bike trails on the former plantation and worked hard to seek funding and support for the Park.
- Thanks to all the members of the Community Reference Group in its different forms over the past five years.
- Thanks to the many community groups who supported the idea and worked hard to bring it to fruition.
- Congratulations to Goldfields Track Inc and all its members for the initial work done to get this project started including undertaking the feasibility study, developing the masterplan, community engagement and seeking funding.
- Thank you to the contractors who worked as project partners and delivered high quality work.
- Thank you to our project partners on the Project Control Board including Dja Dja Wurrung, Regional Development Victoria, Mount Alexander Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, who worked so well with us, through design and construction phases of the project.

There has been much work undertaken by many individuals and groups throughout this project and the benefits for Harcourt and the region are already evident.

We have been delighted to be part of this project and thrilled with the outcome.

Regards, Marg Allan Chair, of Project Control Group, and Russell Manning, Project Manager

Where to from here?

The Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) has started transitioning the management of La Larr Ba Gauwa Park to the volunteer Committee of Management that was appointed earlier this year.

The Committee of Management is responsible for caring for, protecting, promoting and managing the park as well as maximising community involvement and use of the mountain bike trails. They will be provided with support as they take on this role, including DELWP working with the Committee and Council to resolve any initial teething problems. The Committee includes members with a range of skills and interests including environmental management, business management, technical expertise in mountain bike use, event management, marketing and promotions, legal affairs, cultural heritage and more.

Members of the Committee are: Rodney Carter; Tony Cordy; Benjamin Fox; David Ling; Michael Scott; Jason Tolland; Annette Rae; Dustin Lavery; Janine McCarthy; Hugh Finlay; Frank Forster; Andrew Nicolas; and Jane McQueenie.

Now that La Larr Ba Gauwa is complete, this will be our last Project Bulletin. We hope you have enjoyed staying in touch with the project progress and thank you for reading.

Find out more about La Larr Ba Gauwa

- Facebook: Search La Larr Ba Gauwa (@Harcourtmountainbiketrails)
- Instagram: @LaLarrBaGauwamt
- App: Download the More to Explore App for comprehensive information and interactive maps.
- A PDF of the trailmap is available online:
<https://www.forestsandreserves.vic.gov.au/initiatives/harcourt-mountain-bike-park>



Harcourt Uniting Church

Easter eggs will have disappeared from the supermarket shelves by the time you are reading this and no doubt there will be Christmas decorations to replace them very soon. Our modern life seems to move at a hectic pace these days.

Easter at Harcourt Uniting Church began in February with Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter) saw palm branches decorating our Church – if Palm Sunday had happened in Australia I suppose we would have waved gum branches as Jesus rode past on a donkey!



Recently we held our Harvest Thanksgiving service with a variety of fresh “harvest” from our gardens, lovely fresh apples and pears from Chaplin’s orchard, a loaf of bread and jug of water as well as packaged foods. This reminds us how thankful we are to have an abundance of food in our country.

Neighbourhood Watch in Harcourt?

Meeting: May 1, 7:30 pm, Harcourt Bowls Club

This meeting is being held 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.

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

Castlemaine Police representation and CEO of Neighbourhood Watch – Bambi Gordon – in attendance.

Harcourt would become one of the first Neighbourhood Watch Communities outside metro Melbourne.

For further information:

nhw.com.au and nhw.com.au/volunteer-toolkit

Diane Baig, Harcourt

Easter Sunday in Stanley Park is our traditional open air service which is usually accompanied by the birds warbling and no doubt this year for the first time there will be lots of bike riders nearby preparing to ride the new mountain bike track.

As well as our weekly services we also have an Adult Fellowship Group which meets every month. We have a visiting program which involves members of our fellowship visiting Harcourt people who are ‘in care’ at Castlemaine Health as well as those who still live in their own homes but find it hard to get out and about due to age and health. They all look forward to a chat, especially those “in care” who often ask “what’s happening in Harcourt?”

There’s always something happening at Harcourt Uniting Church so if you feel like joining us at any time we meet at 9am each Sunday in Buckley Street - except for the 5th Sundays which is always a Combined Service. This month on 29th April the service will be at Castlemaine Uniting Church at 10am.

Jan Jenkin



What a great atmosphere there was in Stanley Park on Easter Sunday with the Uniting Church’s Easter Day outdoor Church Service and breakfast. The flower cross was decorated during the service and is left in Stanley Park for a week or so. As the service finished and church members started their breakfast, families began to arrive for the Easter Egg Hunt held nearby.



The Silver Banksia

Clearly there is a lot of love for the Silver Banksia in our region! About 60 people gathered in Harcourt on Monday 19 March 2018 to hear geneticist Adam Miller present the latest results from his genetic studies on Silver Banksia (*Banksia marginata*) populations.

Dr Adam Miller is a geneticist from Centre for Integrative Ecology, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, Deakin University. Adam's talk was titled 'Planting for the future through smart genetic management: Banksia Marginata as a case study'. The presentation was fascinating.

Banksia decline and Genetic Diversity

Silver banksias were once common all over the Victorian volcanic plains and the Mount Alexander area, but now there are only isolated populations of old trees. The Central Victorian Banksia Working Group wanted to find out more about the genetics of the surviving silver banksias. Dr Miller explained that high genetic diversity increases a population's ability to cope with environmental changes. Low diversity increases the chance of extinction.



Dr Adam Miller presents his findings on Central Victorian Banksia genetics

Latest results

Analysis of results for the Central Victorian banksia population showed:

- All banksia populations in central Victoria are genetically isolated from one another, meaning populations are not cross-pollinating.
- There is no current evidence of inbreeding – the genetic diversity of all the samples is still quite good! However, there is an imminent risk of inbreeding due to genetic isolation.
- Managed intervention will be needed to prevent these populations from disappearing.

What to do

Critical recommendations for saving Silver Banksias:

- Manage the isolated remnants by mixing up genetics to reduce the risk of future inbreeding.
- Select seed from multiple locations across the landscape. Selection

and blending of seed from across the isolated populations – known as 'multi-provenancing' – will help provide the genetic diversity so desperately needed to cope with a changing climate.

- Track plant provenances through time, so we can assess which ones survive better in this climate. This can be done on people's properties or through establishing seed orchards.
- Improve connectivity across the landscape to facilitate the movement of pollinators. We currently don't know what the key pollinators are, but the genetic studies reveal there should be a maximum of ten kilometres between populations to allow cross pollination.




Thank you!

Harcourt Valley Landcare Group hosted the event along with the Central Victorian Banksia Working Group. Bonnie Humphreys (President of Harcourt Valley Landcare Group) thanks all involved, including the many volunteers who provided banksia samples and contributed to the project. The Wottenhall Environment Trust provided an amazing supper! The Kara Kara Conservation Network and North Central Catchment Management Authority also provided support and funding for the project. The presentation was made possible through funding from the National Landcare Program.

Many thanks go to Adam for his thoughtful presentation, and to Bonnie for organising the event.

This is an edited extract from a post by Tanya Loos on the Connecting Country Website on 22 March 2018. For the full article see: connectingcountry.org.au/saving-the-silver-banksia-presentation/




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Coolstore to Cool home

Bingham's Coolstore has sat on a corner in Bingham's Road for many a year. It looks like a big grey timber shed, but has some unique features. Its owner now is Janet Carr, who is set to realise her dream of making the Coolstore into a comfortable, modern home. "My aim is to achieve a sympathetic rescue of a landmark, keeping the sense of an agricultural building," she said.

There was an orchard on the site prior to Ben Bingham taking ownership, but the date the shed was first built is yet to be exactly determined. Janet will be researching the history of the site and the shed when she gets a chance, at the moment she is deep into the renovation process.

The western end of the building was added after the main coolstore was constructed and will probably have to be demolished as it is not built as well as the main section. Eighty jacks were put under the building to lift it by 20cms so new stumps could be put in place. Janet was surprised to be told by the restumping team that it was the heaviest building they had ever lifted!

The walls and floor are messmate timber and are built in a double layer. Between the two layers of timber are tightly packed wood shavings. This was an early insulation method and combined with a cooling system the store would have been very effective. The doors are nearly 30cm thick. Janet's plan is to have glass and a deck (with a fabulous view of Mount Alexander) to the east and an open plan ground floor with an L shaped mezzanine above. Verandahs to the north and south will extend the living area. Janet intends to leave the inside walls as they are but will have the timber floor lifted, re-laid and polished.



Tightly packed wood shavings fill the walls of the Coolstore.

Janet was born and raised on an orchard in Harcourt and it's commendable to see the effort she is going to in her quest to preserve this historic building while making it useful and liveable.



Janet sitting on the eastern end of the building where the deck will be. Behind her the generous open space of the ground floor can be seen.

Blume's Bakery

A little known fact about Blume's Bakery is that its trading name was actually Coronation Bakery. David and Jodie Pillinger who have taken on restoration of the bakery once owned by the Blume family keep discovering interesting details about the house and business, both of which were established in Harcourt in the early 1920s. Jodie showed The Core a receipt dated 1913 which has a crown in the corner and the business name of Coronation Bakery. Many would not be aware that the bakery was originally located in Barkers Creek. The Blume family moved to the new site on the corner of Harmony Way and Victoria Road and built the bakery first while living in another house on the property which was then removed once the new house was completed in 1921.

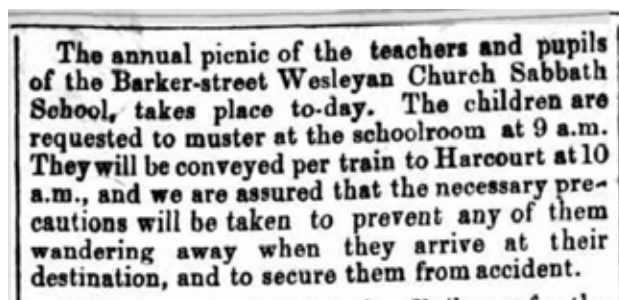
Back to the present day, and refurbishment continues in the bakery. A food grade concrete floor is about to be laid. The walls are to have a sealer applied, as the bricks have been repointed and all cracks filled. The first fit of plumbing has been roughed in. It was fascinating to see the new oven floor which is beautifully even; the only indication that there are sensors in the floor is the set of wires coming out of the side of the oven. The next task which is nearly complete is cleaning out the ceiling of the bakery, installing insulation and then replacing the original iron on the roof.

Keep a look out in the May Core for information about an exciting sourdough workshop called Bush Baking at Blumes Historic Bakery, on June 16th. It will be run by Warwick Quinton of the School of Sourdough. See www.schoolofsourdough.com.au/shop/bush-baking-at-blumes-bakery for some background information.



The oven with the new floor; note the electronic sensor wires coming out of the wall in the bottom left hand corner. This modern addition has been made approximately 98 years after the oven was constructed.

Sometime ago ...



From Mount Alexander Mail: 9/11/1866 via Trove

Above and beyond – fundraising



Why are these three people looking so happy? Because they just sat down after walking from Bendigo to Harcourt!

Cynthia Holsworth, Nelson Gardner and Adam Lyon were taking a break on a fundraising walk from Bendigo to Melbourne, when they stopped off at Jodie and David Pillinger's house in Harcourt on Tuesday April 3. Cynthia and Adam are the Manager and Artistic Director (respectively) of the Academy of Creative Arts at Bendigo South East School. Nelson is a past student who has moved into the arts industry and performs in musical theatre. The most recent show he performed in was "A Little Night Music" in Melbourne this year.

The three are walking to Melbourne to support 32 students of the Academy who will be travelling to New York and Los Angeles in September this year. The students will experience workshops, shows, galleries and engage with professional performers while on their tour. The students themselves are raising money by busking, by holding a raffle, a dinner and a sausage sizzle and will be performing in a concert spectacular on May 13 at the Ulumbarra Theatre in Bendigo. You can book for the concert by phoning 5434 6100 or at: www.thecapital.com.au/Whats_On/ACA_Fundraising_Concert

There is also a Go Fund Me fundraiser: www.gofundme.com/f00tsteps



Councillor Comment

Hi all,

Rain beautiful rain; I was so happy to see that.

It's a busy time at Council with budget discussions underway. It is a tough process but I keep pushing to get a few of the things we need in the towns outside Castlemaine. To get a project in the budget requires support from the majority of Councillors so that takes some doing. There seems to be a push for spending in Castlemaine but we need to see that the smaller towns get a fair go. My first comment on the draft budget was that there was not much in it for our outer communities such as Sutton Grange, Harcourt, Maldon and Newstead.

At last Tuesday's Council meeting we approved the construction of the new change rooms at Wesley Hill. This project was "never going to happen", but it is a reality now. It should serve as a reminder that a community can achieve great things when it works together with Council and relevant government bodies.

At the same Council meeting one bright spark made the comment during public question time that Sutton Grange and our farmers did not have representation at Council. If only they knew what was said behind closed doors! Sometimes I think the other Councilors must be sick of hearing about the reality of farming and trying to run a business.

An important aspect of being on Council is that Councilors are required to make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire shire not just the areas that elected us. It is not an easy process and that in part explains why we have had a changeover of some Councilors. Be assured I do my best for our community at all times. God willing I will continue to do that well into the future.

It is great to see the interest in the Mountain Bike Park. Maybe our politicians do know something??? At least in this instance some of our taxes have been spent locally!!

Some of you may have seen my family celebrating my birthday at Goldfields Track Café recently. The staff there do a great job; it is very good to have a local family friendly venue.

Best regards to all, Tony

AG Cordy

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Harcourt General Store Update

The Harcourt General Store will consist of three separate entities in the future: a completely renovated residence to be rented out, the Produce and General Store, and a separate retail/business space available for rental. The new retail space is at the north end of the building and has a separate entrance. Internal walls have been moved to enlarge this space accessed by the north door facing the street.

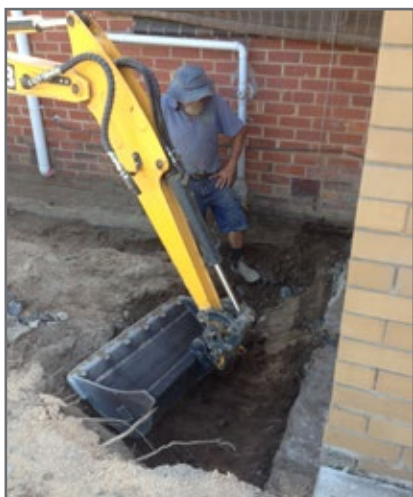
Annette and Bruce Rae are continuing with the extensive rebuild and renovation of the entire site. The whole building area has been insulated from bottom to top, old damaged timbers have been replaced with new and new storm water infrastructure has been put in the ground.



Some of the proteas are well into flowering already.

Annette is very pleased with the progress of the proteas and pomegranate plants she has grown on their home block. Once they flower and fruit; they will be available for sale from the store.

"We are aiming to make the Store a focal point for Harcourt. We are open for suggestions about the use of the retail space." Interested? You can contact Annette on: 0430 302 763 or annettefie@bigpond.com



Bruce Rae supervises the digging of storm water drains.

Three unique Goldfields gardens opening for April weekend

Garden lovers can plan a great weekend out visiting three very different private gardens opening at Barkers Creek, Dunnolly and Bendigo with Open Gardens Victoria on Saturday April 21 and Sunday April 22.

Hedgehogs is a large garden located just seven kilometres north of Castlemaine at Barkers Creek. Winding pathways meander throughout, revealing a beautiful Gordon Ford designed pond with granite surrounds, a quince walk, covered archways and a secret garden, all interspersed by carefully created spaces providing peaceful places to sit and ponder. The owners both work with metal constructions, and placement of their works has been integral to the overall design.



Plants have been selected to cope with the harsh Goldfields climate. Roses feature in beds, against walls and covering archways, and a series of gravel gardens showcase autumn salvias and dahlias. A covered orchard houses a large collection of fruit trees and further from the house a 'ha-ha' wall separates the top garden from more open areas that lead down to a small dam.

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Harvesting fruit – break the fruit fly cycle

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

If you've used drape netting (as opposed to having put up some sort of frame to hold the net off the tree) a handy tip is to remove your nets with a broomstick – or a very tall friend – to help you push the nets off the tree, being careful not to damage the ends of the limbs if possible. Disentangle any twigs or rotten fruit before you pack them away, and if you can store them so they're rat-proof, you'll thank yourself next summer when you go to put them out again! If the net has accumulated any holes (from persistent kangaroos, for example), your future self will thank you very much if you repair the nets now, before you put them away. This is usually a simple matter of tying together the holes using cable ties or hay band.

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

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



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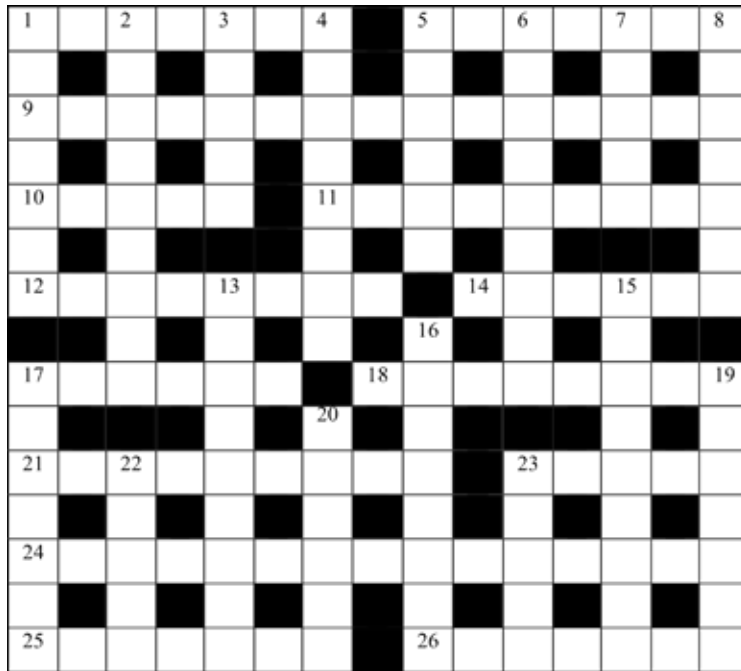
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Down:

1. It was only crystals I was dealing with before being brought to this. (7)
2. Animals are involved, but the difference between 2 & 15d is that one hangs onto the place they're kept, and the other sort-of logs it... (3-6)
3. Animal noise from stable after losing its head isn't a horse! (5)
4. Vital to the enterprise, they say it kept Philip's tie in place. (5-3)
5. Poem of praise on light metal produces a book. (6)
6. I drag arms up to the 4th floor, above this parade, because I'm anti-LGBTQI. (5,4)
7. Chooks won't sleep in Wallaby Ave—they go here instead! (5)
8. Pondered, present tense being incorporated, ill-treated... (7)
13. Can one depend on there being no deep end to these questions? (4-5)
15. (see 2d.) (9)
16. Lachrymal shape? (8)
17. What's up Mother Brown in a topsy-turvy way is middle-eastern legislature. (7)
19. Cats, whether you please or no... (7)
20. I chase you in my wallet. (6)
22. Quartz and main bits of sandstone wave about once they get the top off the sauce-bottle. (5)
23. Cry havoc, all right, let loose the dogs of war—and be free-speaking... (5)

Across:

1. Je suis Beelzebub, but sans am, l'enfant, and the oriental slant, which makes me a C9th BCE princess... (7)
5. Banal to smell unpleasantly before hearing percussion. (7)
9. How to get away with an insurance fire at Luna Park? (5,3,7)
10. Inappropriate asinine Ptolemy... (5)
11. In shy chat, one could softly evoke the blue flowers. (9)
12. After an epic hour, one may feel thus. (8)
14. Cow did it as a matter of course; kid did it to his knee falling. (6)
17. The central essence of what Gough said he wanted? (6)
18. Uses nous? No way! Stays locked in the body... (8)
21. We hear previous one who tests is now treasury. (9)
23. There it is! — No, it's not — brings sneers from the uppity strings... (5)
24. The personality that shoots itself in the foot deflects virtues... (4-11)
25. Polly-speak forms a junction with duck-walk... (7)
26. Where to get a taste for art? (7)

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Down:

1. Replace aluminium for regeneration. (7)
2. I'll take this cocktail. [Well?]
3. That noxious blob, byall 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 [Da] mixes it at the end.
8. Stiff cheese if you do or don't like it [Well?]
13. Older public transport [bus] some dog [Well?]
15. Valued for the fact that it had many tastes. (9)
16. Revolted, with those revolting to the fore. [Well? Rebel-led...]
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? [Well? Footrot Flats...]
23. White lie about [re...] low-GI staple? (5)

Across:

1. Spirit [rum] went off the edge of the page [bled] 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? [Well?] (5)
11. We were, in our shed, well fed... (9)
12. Seek redress and entrance for lithium and titanium? (8)
14. Old bloke to tape things up? [Well?] (6)
17. Bioethical aria-generator? [Well? Peter...]
18. Try [test] what is to be tried [case...] 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.
26. Allies send red fire here. (7)

Sky watching in Harcourt

The welcome rain which fell on 24th March was preceded by an Arcus or shelf cloud. Many people in Harcourt witnessed this and some took photos of this infrequent phenomenon. Shelf clouds typically appear on the leading edge of a storm (source: Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arcus_cloud). In this case there was a cold front involved and thankfully not much of a storm. We've had enough windy storms over summer in Harcourt!



Katherine Seppings took this spectacular photo of the shelf cloud which preceded rain on 24th March.

And now as we move into settled autumn weather we are having cool nights with plenty of dew, warm days and some spectacular sunsets.



This beautiful photo of sunset over Harcourt was taken by Kay Francis on Sunday evening April 1.



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Castlemaine Bus Lines Harcourt Services Monday to Friday

	am	pm	pm
Market St/Harmony Way (Harcourt)	8:55	12:10	2:25
Coolstore Road/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:56	12:11	2:26
Coolstore Road/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:57	12:12	2:27
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	9:03	12:18	2:33
Halford St/Barker St (Castlemaine)	9:05	12:20	2:35
From Castlemaine to Harcourt Monday to Friday			
	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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Community Diary Dates

Wednesday April 11th: 7pm – 8.30pm, Harcourt Play Space Working Group Meeting, ANA Hall.

Thursday April 12th: 7.30pm Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

Saturday & Sunday, April 14th & 15th: Camp out on the Mount. For all the information you need: connectingcountry.org.au/landcare/camp-out-on-the-mount-2018

Saturday April 14th: Open Garden at Duneira, Mt Macedon – see page 23 for details.

Sunday April 15th: Learn how to kill Wheel Cactus: Joint working bee with Harcourt Valley Landcare and Barkers Creek Landcare. Details call: 0467 670 271

Monday April 16th: Term 2 commences.

Saturday & Sunday April 21st 22nd: Open Gardens – see page 18.

Wednesday April 25th: ANZAC Day, 2.30 ANA Hall followed by the march to the Cenotaph and ceremony.

Tuesday May 1st: 7.30pm Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Bowling Club.

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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UNDER A MAGNOLIA TREE IN CASTLEMAINE

BY ANITA LE LIEVRE

A TREE WORTHY OF CLIMBING
WHERE FLOWERS ATTACH THEMSELVES
AND BIRDS SING IN PRAISE
OF THE DAILY MALAISE
A BACKGROUND OF BLUE
A COAT OF VIVID GREEN
AND BITS OF BROWN DECAY
GROWING IN BETWEEN
SOUNDS OF LIFE
CAN SOMETIMES BE HEARD
LAWS OF PHYSICS
ARE BEING OBSERVED
HUMANS ENCROACH
UPON THE PEACE THAT FLOATS BY
ALL THE WHILE NATURE
TRIES NOT TO DIE
SKELETONS LAY IN WAIT
FOR SEASONS TO TURN
FOR EVERY PIECE OF SUNSHINE EARNED
FOR EVERY DAY SURVIVED
FOR EVERY ACTION CONTRIVED
ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE LINE

LIMERICK *by The Bard of North Harcourt*

The sun only shines in the bright time,
Which everyone knows is the right time.
But then I suppose
That the sun will repose
And the moon will get up for the night time.



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Mount Alexander Friends of Lolotoe, East Timor Fundraiser



Manu Feta Chicken Art Show

August 19-26

The Drying Shed Art Space

The Mill, Walker Street, Castlemaine

Call for Contributions

We are a Castlemaine based friendship group supporting community development projects in the Lolotoe district in the remote mountains of Timor-Leste.

The communities are isolated due to the terrain, and roads are often inaccessible. Employment is very low and most live on subsistence farming. Malnutrition is high, especially in young children.

In 2107 the Animal Health and Youth Employment Program was launched to improve employment and food security. The **Manu Feta - Chicken Art Show** will provide valuable funds to assist in village chicken production.

100% of funds raised will go directly towards:

- Raising new poultry stock
- Vaccination and education programs
- Safe housing for chickens

Contributions to Manu Feta can be:

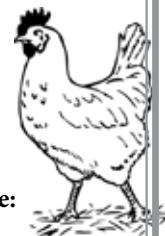
- Artworks 2D (A3 maximum) ready to be hung.
- 3D not too large.
- Craft pieces.

All with a chicken theme

For further information please contact:

Exhibition - Linda Newton Ph: 0418 674 540

Friends of Lolotoe - Jeni Foster Ph: 0420 220 419



OPEN GARDEN A stunning heritage garden "Duneira"

Officer Lane, Mt Macedon

Saturday April 14th 10 am to 4.00 pm

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