

# HARCOURT NEWS THE CORE

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## A Farmers' Market for Harcourt?



### **A community meeting is proposed to discuss plans to establish a regular farmers market in central Harcourt.**

Harcourt was the original site for the Castlemaine Farmers Market which commenced life in the carpark at Skydancers. When the Farmers Market relocated to Victory Park in Castlemaine, Harcourt resident Jacq Cue ran a monthly market in James Park which featured a diverse range of stalls. The market ran for about 6 months before closing.

There's now renewed interest to encourage more community events and activities to take place in Harcourt. A local farmers market would be a great attraction for visitors and a wonderful resource for residents. With the abundance of local producers and boutique farmers, Harcourt

is well placed to lead the way with a local produce market. In our own back yard we have honey producers, fruit growers, lamb and pork producers, egg sellers, nut growers, gardeners, bakers, and of course wine and cider makers.

To get this project off the ground, an organising committee and team of volunteers is required. A community meeting is being held on Monday 30th July at the Goldfields Track Cafe from 6pm. Everyone is welcome: your ideas, suggestions and input are greatly encouraged. For more information contact Jacqueline on 0425 323 005 or email [takandjak@bigpond.com](mailto:takandjak@bigpond.com)

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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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## La Larr Ba Gauwa Park update – July 2018

### Central Goldfields Winter Series

The Park played host to its first major event with Round 3 of the Central Goldfields MTB Winter Series being held at the facility on Sunday 1 July. This series is a new initiative by the Bendigo MTB Club and the Castlemaine Rocky Riders aimed at grassroots mountain bike racing for all levels of participants.

140 riders competed in different categories during the event with higher grades tackling Trail 6 plus sections of Trails 7 and 9, and lower grades doing multiple laps of Trail 1. Riders were very complimentary about the layout of the courses and the range of riding challenges that had been incorporated. Being a handicap event there were close finishes in many of the grades. The start/finish line was based at the eastern end of the Oak Forest and provided a wonderful assembly point for competitors and spectators alike.

WIN News attended as did a representative from the Castlemaine Camera Club to take photos of the action during the event.

Volunteers from both the Castlemaine Rocky Riders and the Bendigo MTB Club were on hand to coordinate the event including traffic management. Event parking was directed to the designated mountain bike parking spaces within Harcourt township with registration set up at the Goldfields Track Cafe. The careful planning of this event saw no disruption being reported by local residents or businesses. The Café and the local service station reported a significant upturn in business on the morning of the event.

A further round of the Winter Series will be held at La Larr Ba Gauwa on Sunday 26 August.

Keep up to date with events and other activities at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park via the Facebook page and on the website at [lalarrbagauwa.harcourt.vic.au/](http://lalarrbagauwa.harcourt.vic.au/)



Photo is courtesy of Peter Banko from Castlemaine Camera Club.



## Harcourt Pre-school

### 3-year-old enrolments open for Harcourt Pre-school

Harcourt Pre-school is delighted to welcome enquires and enrolments for a new Friday morning group dedicated solely to 3-year-olds, starting in Term 3, 2018.

***Fridays 9:30 am to 12:30 pm during  
school terms, starting July 16, 2018***

#### **For enquiries or to enrol:**

Call Gayle Govan on (03) 5329 2800  
or email [YEYM.Enrolments@ymca.org.au](mailto:YEYM.Enrolments@ymca.org.au)

Or Lisa Gray,  
the Harcourt preschool educator:  
[Harcourt.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au](mailto:Harcourt.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au)



**Please note:** this Friday session replaces the 3-year-old sessions previously running on Mondays with the 4-year-olds.

28 Buckley Street,  
Harcourt Vic 3453  
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# Fruitgrowers Meeting Report

At the recent meeting of the Harcourt District Fruit Growers' Association (HDFGA), the following were elected to the Executive:

President Scott Harrington –  
Biota Orchards/BEBCo Cider and Wine  
Secretary Troyene Evans -HER Homemade  
Treasurer Michael Henry – Henry of Harcourt

General Committee positions are yet to be filled and it's open for members to seek a position on the committee.

## *Next Steps before AGM October 2018*

- Name Change to reflect the broader interests of the Association maintaining the heritage and recognising the Horticulture industry from which the majority of business in Harcourt Valley has a direct or in-direct relationship
- Address a Statement of Charter to better represent the Association membership and to encourage a broader range of business interests in the valley to become a member
- A membership drive will occur after the above two steps are complete.

## *Broad Aims*

HDFGA aims to bring together like-minded business people who will collaborate to drive the economic development and business direction of Harcourt including:

- Highlighting the unique character of Harcourt as a valley and village
- Re-enforce the particular Regionality of its Wines, Cider and Produce plus
- Artisan food and agribusiness development enabled through Coliban's water security
- Collaborate on Tourism initiatives which will enhance the district and businesses within the district
- Seek support to enable members to potentially increase the capacity of employment in the area in support of the growing population and increasing niche enterprises establishing themselves in the valley
- Support opportunities for economic growth with existing and surplus infrastructure in zoned industrial areas in the valley.

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## Harcourt Uniting Church

Harcourt has lived up to its reputation for good frosts in the last few weeks. The members of the Harcourt Uniting Church have still been brave enough to come and meet for worship at 9:00 am while many people are still tucked up in bed!

During the drought being experienced in the Mallee we have been supporting the Tyrell Cluster of Churches financially and all money has gone towards inviting families to attend their camp in the Grampians in the first week of July. Perhaps it's not the best time of year to camp in the Grampians, however it's the time when the farmers have planted their crops and are hoping/praying for rain. At least one of our members will join in the weekend at the Norval camp site in Halls Gap.

Last month I mentioned that we were farewelling our minister Rev Michele Lees. On Sunday 24th a large crowd attended Michele's last service held in the Castlemaine Uniting Church followed by afternoon tea and presentations. We are now preparing a profile in readiness to invite a new minister to our Parish.

## *VALE DAVE CHAPLIN*



We are deeply saddened by the death of Dave Chaplin and offer our love and sympathy to the Chaplin family and in particular Dave's wife Alma.

Dave has been a faithful member of our Church all his life and has been an extremely generous person in the many organisations he has been involved in. Last July we celebrated his 90th birthday with a large crowd of family and friends –that was a special day which we will always treasure. We will miss Dave's visits to our home to give us a bag of apples and his generous donations of fruit for our Church Harvest Thanksgiving service.



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# Harcourt Valley Primary School

Term 2 Highlights from the School Newsletter 29 June

- Grade 1 and 2 camp
- Science and technology Day
- P-2 Tabloid Sports Day,
- Grade 5&6 Journey of Remembrance Day excursion
- Mother's Day Breakfast

## Grades 3/4 Maths Measurement Task

The students had to complete a cityscape by accurately measuring, then cutting skyscrapers, doors and windows in centimetres. Measurements were checked by the Property Developer (Mrs Victor Gordon) to ensure safety requirements! Some building had to be pulled down and remeasured!



## Barbecue Success – over \$1,000 Raised for Solar Panels

Families from the school rallied to run a barbecue to raise funds for solar panels. The total amount raised was \$1,477.45. A terrific effort! Wood was also donated for the Wood Raffle won by the George family.



## Get down to earth with Mondo Lounge

Mondo Lounge invites young people to take part in an outdoor earth skills excursion with Mirawara in Muckleford on Saturday 14 July as part of its holiday program.

Mirawara specialises in outdoor experiences such as rock climbing, nature skills, Indigenous cultural events and bushwalking.

The excursion is part of Council's Mondo Lounge youth activities open to people aged 12 to 25 years.

The excursion is free of charge, including transport from

Mondo Lounge. Bookings are essential. Get in fast as spaces are limited.

Other Mondo Lounge Holiday Program activities include leadership training, a movie night and a cooking workshop with a professional chef.

To find out more visit [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/YoungPeople](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/YoungPeople) or the Mount Alexander Shire Council Youth Facebook page [@mountalexandershireyouth](https://www.facebook.com/mountalexandershireyouth).

*From a Shire Press Release*



## Landcare assists Victorian Miniature Railway First tracks laid by VMR

The Core visited the Victorian Miniature Railway site recently with members of Harcourt Valley Landcare. Landcare was responding to a request for assistance with appropriate planting on the site. In particular, the purpose of the visit was to understand where tree planting will be required around the first section of track. The initial section is planned to be about 2.5kms, with the aim of making it much longer, so that it becomes the longest miniature railway track in Australia.

Local Landcare President Bonnie Humphreys and VMR's Andrew Mierisch walked the site to check the areas where planting will be needed. Being a good neighbour is very important to VMR and these early plantings are designed to give dense screening to adjacent properties. Bonnie who has a great depth of experience in native plants has drawn up a list of suggested trees and shrubs which are both hardy and attractive. Approximately 300 plants will be required initially with the mix of heights of the indigenous plants ensuring good screening.



*Andrew Mierisch of VMR and Bonnie Humphreys, President of Harcourt Valley Landcare check the location of plantings to be carried out near the railway tracks.*



*The first section of tracks laid at VMR.*



*The next section of track will be laid up the hill. But it's Harcourt, so there's a line of granite across the track which has to be dug out!*

## Put on your thinking cap for Seniors Festival

The 2018 Seniors Festival Steering Committee is looking for fun and interesting events to be incorporated into this year's Seniors Festival celebration in October.

"The committee is very excited about this year's festival and we are keen to hear from local groups and organisations who would like to get involved," said Steering Committee member Marilyn Bennet.

"We also have \$200 grants from Mount Alexander Shire Council for five local events to be held during the festival."


Collect an expression of interest form from Castlemaine

Community House (CCH) at 65 Templeton Street, Castlemaine or on their website at [www.cch.org.au/community/seniors-festival-2018](http://www.cch.org.au/community/seniors-festival-2018) or from Maldon Neighbourhood Centre on the corner of Church and Edwards streets, Maldon.

You can also request to have a printed copy sent to you via mail. Contact CCH on 5472 4842 or email [reception@cch.org.au](mailto:reception@cch.org.au).

Expression of interest forms are due by 5.00pm on Friday 6 August.

*From a Shire Press Release*




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# Harcourt CFA

## SMOKE ALARMS UPDATE

Winter time is when there is an increase in house fires and this is the reason why smoke detectors are an important part of your home safety plan. MFB and CFA (along with all fire services in Australia) are combining to promote the new PHOTOELECTRIC SMOKE ALARMS that have a lithium battery with a ten year lifespan.

These new alarms provide the security of knowing you and your family are protected, while also ensuring you are not interrupted with a beeping smoke alarm with a flat battery. If you need to replace older style existing smoke alarms, then the photoelectric alarms are a better option. They are more expensive initially (around \$30), but when you consider the added cost of buying replacement batteries for ten years then they work out to be good deal. After all, the cost of not having a working smoke alarm can result in a huge cost if a fire was to occur.

Keep in mind all smoke alarms have an expiry date after ten years and need to be replaced. Since 1st August 1997, Victorian law states that smoke alarms complying with Australian Standards AS3786 must be installed in all homes, units, flats and townhouses. It is the responsibility of all owners and landlords to install working smoke alarms. Residential homes constructed before 1 August 1997 need only standalone battery powered smoke alarms. Residential homes constructed after this date must have smoke alarms connected to 240 volt mains power as well as having a backup battery in case of a loss of power.

## WINTER WARNINGS

Fire statistics generate the focus of community warnings on how to avoid a fire starting in your home. The current list includes the following:

### NEVER LEAVE ELECTRICALLY POWERED APPLIANCES ON BEDDING.

Appliances like hair straighteners, laptops or mobile phones left on beds have started fires. Leaving them powered while sitting on bedding increases the risk of starting a fire, especially if cooling vents are blocked causing the appliance to overheat. Appliances left on chargers for long periods of time are also known to overheat and start a fire.

CANDLES, TEA LIGHT OIL BURNERS AND INCENSE are also items that should be used with care and should never be left unattended.

CLOTHES DRYERS are also featuring in statistics of causing fires due to uncleaned lint filters and not being properly vented.

Have you checked out [www.recalls.gov.au](http://www.recalls.gov.au) for the latest items listed? Once again there are a couple of oil column heaters listed. Target has a recall on their own brand TAROC011F oil column heater sold from April 2015 to October 2016 and Bunnings have a recall of the "Moretti" 11 fin oil column

heater sold from 24 February to 3 May. Please return the product to the retailer for a full refund.

The brigade has enjoyed a quieter period of callouts, consisting of a couple of wash aways as a result of vehicle accidents and to investigate some burnoffs. Keep in mind that if you are burning off, the brigade appreciates you taking the time to register your burn which I know that a lot of you are doing.

## STATISTICAL DATA FOR DISTRICT 02 FROM 2017.

Collected data from 2017 for District 02 which includes Harcourt shows that fires caused over half a million dollars in damages last year. This was 30 per cent lower than the previous year, which was the fourth lowest dollar amount of damage in the state. However more than a third started in the kitchen, while 21 per cent started in the lounge area. The top three causes of fires were Heating, Cooking and Electrical and the top cause in each category were Chimney fires, Unattended Cooking and Fixed Electrical Appliances.

So continue to take care and preventative measures and check the age of your smoke alarms.

*Tyrone Rice*  
*Brigade Community Safety Coordinator*



## Grants to build children's resilience

Do you have an idea or project to build children's resilience in this region?

The Maldon & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch's Building Our Children's Resilience (BOCR) grant is closing soon. Funding of \$30,000 is available in the current round.

The grants program is designed to support projects to build resilience in our region's children by focusing on the wellbeing of those closest to them – parents, educators and carers.

"The purpose of this program is to nurture the children in our region so they are resilient and able to withstand challenges as they grow and learn," said Community Bank Chairman Ross Eggleton.

Projects must focus on building resilience in 0-14 year olds in Maldon, Newstead, Dunolly and the Mount Alexander region, by focusing on the wellbeing of parents and/or teachers and/or carers.

Applications close midnight 30 July 2018. Successful applicants will be announced in mid-September.

The application form, guidelines and frequently asked questions (FAQs) are available at the Community Bank's website [www.maldoncb.com.au](http://www.maldoncb.com.au). Alternatively you can drop into the Maldon Bank Branch or contact Chairman Ross Eggleton for a copy of the application form, guidelines and FAQs ([rosseggleton@bigpond.com](mailto:rosseggleton@bigpond.com) or 0425 801 959).



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## Chatting with Harcourt CWA

It's cold in Harcourt, and what's better on a cold day than a bowl of soup and some crunchy wholemeal bread?

I thought you might like to indulge your family with a CWA soup recipe. Here is a beauty that is sure to please.

### *Cauliflower and Broccolini Soup*

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 leek, sliced finely
- 1 bunch broccolini, roughly chopped
- 1/2 medium head cauliflower, roughly chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 3 1/2 cups reduced salt vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon thyme leaves
- 1/4 cup (30g) finely chopped walnuts, toasted, to serve
- 1/4 cup (30g) parmesan
- 1 tablespoon natural yoghurt

#### METHOD

**PLACE** leek in a medium-large saucepan pot on medium heat.

**COOK** for 3-5 minutes until leek softens.

**PLACE** broccolini, cauliflower, garlic and stock in a large pot.

**BRING** soup to the boil, then cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

**REMOVE** saucepan from heat and puree with a stick blender until smooth.

**SERVE** with toasted walnuts, parmesan, thyme and a dollop of yoghurt.

But winter doesn't last forever and in the spring we will hold our annual concert, this year celebrating the CWA of Victoria's ninety years of service so stay tuned.

If you would like to be part of this celebration, come and join us. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at the Harcourt Leisure Centre at 1pm.

*Lyn Rule  
 Harcourt CWA  
 Publicity Officer.*



Welcome to the start of a new financial new year that's looking like being both challenging and exciting for the Maldon & District Community Bank.

The excitement is that it's our 20th anniversary in April next year. We're keen to make stronger connections in towns like Harcourt, and have branches now in Maldon, Dunolly and Newstead. We were one of the pioneering Community Banks in Australia and in our 20th year we aim to return a whopping \$200,000 to our communities. So if you have a project or need, please contact us to determine the best way to apply, as we'll be having different options available—partnerships, grants, and scholarships, as well as our "Building our Children's Resilience" grants that close July 31st.

The challenges are to achieve growth in a low interest-rate environment and tighter credit conditions. For our community bank model, greater growth means more dollars to give back to the community. Where other regional towns are losing their banks, we're aiming to build ours and grow our business and personal accounts so we have bigger profits to distribute. This will further add to the \$2.5 million already returned to the community including community buses, groups, schools, clubs, projects, events and scholarships as well as initiatives such as our wonderful Driver Training program where over 300 new drivers have spent a week in school holidays learning driving skills and earning valuable hours towards their full licence.

We have professional branch staff and board of community members helping to grow our business. As the new Chairman (just 3 months into the role so far!), I'm committed to making our branch as successful as possible, and I'm still constantly blown away by meeting people in the community and realising the value we play.

On a sad note, I was privileged to work alongside board member and well known Maldon resident Garry Johnstone who recently passed away. Garry's prudence, decency, humour and principled approach will be a remaining legacy, and we were honoured to have him as our Treasurer for many years.

One of our goals for this year is to give you a good reason to shift your accounts to our locally owned company! For a start, we provide the full range of professional banking products thanks to our franchise agreement with the Bendigo Bank. On top of that we offer grants and other investments into the local community, access to local banking services and employment for local people.

Stay tuned (through the Core or on our Facebook Page) for news of our activities and development, and please contact us anytime with ideas and projects on 5475 1747. If you're not already part our community bank, please drop into our branches and see our competent and charismatic Branch Manager Adam and friendly staff team for help with business and personal loans, deposits or insurance.

We look forward to exciting times in our upcoming milestone celebration.

*Ross Eggleton  
 Chair*



# Harcourt Heritage Centre

## Gottlieb and Anna Gaasch

Gottlieb and Anna Gaasch arrived in Victoria together with their children August, Gustav and Pauline after a journey which took approximately seven months.

They had come from their native Sachsdorf, Brandenburg, Prussia, in a sailing ship stopping firstly in England where arrangements were made to sail to Australia. The actual voyage on the ship "Flecher" from England to Melbourne took about three months, arriving November 10th, 1867.

Upon arrival they were attracted to the gold diggings at Wesley Hill. After six months' work, Gottlieb purchased the Harcourt property of Mr F. McQuillen. This was a large landholding on the western side of the valley, often described as 'the bright hills' as this is the land on which the sun first shines each day when it rises from behind Mount Alexander. Here the Gaasch family carried on general farming and bee-keeping.

After selling this land to G Gaasch, Francis McQuillan died accidentally at Faraday on the 4th August, 1870 aged 33 years

Tragedy struck the Gaasch family in 1870 with the death of 17-year-old second son Gustav.

Over the next few years Gottlieb and August cleared and grubbed the land, planting the first trees and vines in what became an extensive orchard and vineyard. The family linked up with other German-speaking families at St James Lutheran Church, North Castlemaine. Church services were only once or twice a month due to the lack of Lutheran pastors.

August was reputed to be the first man in the district to display the use of a scythe, which he had brought with him from the old country. He gave a public demonstration of its use when John Douglas made enquiries about this new method of reaping the oaten crop. August did not have a handle for the scythe but soon fashioned one from a wattle sapling on a nearby hill.

The year 1874 was a notable one for the family; August Gaasch married Katrina Keiffer on 25th June and Pauline married John Caesar Schier on 22nd October.

August Gaasch had quite an area of grape-vines and was very popular with his home-made wine. He purchased an American-made, 'Buckeye' brand, cider press from P. Roh & Co. of Bendigo to speed up the process of wine and cider making. (This press is now on display at Harcourt Heritage Centre – described as a classic apple press, a compact masterpiece of American agricultural ingenuity, a symphony of iron gears, bearings, and flywheels encased in a stylish oak frame. Its particulars are proudly cast into the massive fittings: "Latest Improved Buckeye, P.P. Mast & Co., Springfield, Ohio.")

Anna and Gottlieb had been aged 53 and 57 years respectively when they started their new life in Victoria. Anna Gaasch died on 20th March 1881 aged 68 years and Gottlieb died on 26th February 1893 aged 82 years.

In the next generation August and Katrina reared three boys and three girls. In later years August Gaasch divided the family property into three sections for his sons Albert, Fritz and

William. Their sisters Bertha and Amelia wed two brothers, Ebenezer and Reuben Eagle, while Emily Gaasch remained single. August Gaasch died in 1921 aged 82. Katrina Gaasch lived to be 85 years of age. C. H. James stated that Mrs. A. Gaasch was one of the finest women of the district in her day, a lady of grace and charm.

Fritz Gaasch worked the block containing the original family home and William took the block to the north of what is now Gaasch's Rd. Albert Gaasch's orchard was noteworthy in that it included the first commercial plantings of the Golden Delicious variety of apple. Albert Gaasch produced the largest volume of this apple in Harcourt.

On Albert's death in 1948 his son, Norman, took over the running of the orchard, which, in turn passed down to Norman's son Carl who continued to work the orchard until VicRoads acquired it in 2006. VicRoads constructed the Calder Freeway and Vick Lane on the eastern edge of the original Gaasch landholdings.

This is another 'Thumbnail sketch' of the pioneers taken from the C H James Collection, Harcourt Valley Heritage Centre.

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## Fireside Chat at Harcourt Heritage Centre – July 22

The topic for the July talk is "The Philosophy of Mapping" by Mal "Jase" Haysom. Many Harcourt folk know Mal Haysom, who has now retired from his role at the School of Management, Technology and the Environment at La Trobe University, Bendigo and has turned his hand to map-making. In 2015 'Jase' (as he is known) produced a comprehensive topographic map of Mount Alexander. He has since created maps of walking tracks at Castlemaine's Kalimna Park and of tracks in various locations within the Diggings National Heritage Area. Production of each of these maps has involved much on-the-ground research. As a result they are a most reliable guide to the bush walker.

In his Fireside Chat, Jase will outline some of the challenges facing a cartographer when creating a map. Jase will tell of his experiences garnered from many parts of the globe. The purpose of the map dictates the degree of detail. We are all familiar with the stylized map of the Victorian rail system and we would all agree that such a map would not be of use to a bush walker. Jase will tell us how he prepares a map and how he decides what to put in and what to leave out.

Harcourt Heritage Centre conducts a variety of stimulating tours and talks throughout the year. In June the tour group visited a private home in Lockwood to view, not one but two, interesting collections, with the added bonus of an insight into the rescue efforts aimed at saving the bush stone curlew from extinction. The July fireside chat is sure to open a world of fascinating detail.

Be sure to come along to the Heritage Centre (ANA Hall) at 1:30 pm on Sunday 22nd July. Afternoon tea will follow.

*George Milford*



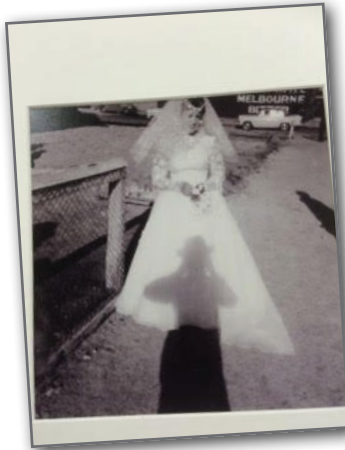


The Regional Centre for Culture in 2018 is an initiative of the Victorian Government through Creative Victoria, in partnership with the Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Clans Corporation, Central Goldfields Shire, City of Greater Bendigo, Hepburn Shire and Mount Alexander Shire.

### Coming events include:

The Castlemaine Documentary Film Festival is taking place at the Theatre Royal from July 20 to 22. [cdocff.com.au](http://cdocff.com.au)

In Celebration of the Pudding – 100 Years of the Magic Pudding at the Creswick Museum from July 14 to October 14. An exhibition of artworks and artefacts related to Creswick-born Norman Lindsay's classic children's tale, first published in 1918. Also on display upstairs is a selection of works by artist Michael Salmon. [www.creswickmuseum.org.au/exhibitions/current-exhibition](http://www.creswickmuseum.org.au/exhibitions/current-exhibition)



Wal Richards Wedding Photographer is a very special exhibition at Central Goldfields Art Gallery in Maryborough, running from June 23 to July 29. The exhibition features a selection of photographs from each decade of work of longstanding wedding photographer Wal Richards. [www.timeout.com/melbourne/art/wal-richards-wedding-photographer](http://www.timeout.com/melbourne/art/wal-richards-wedding-photographer)

Crafters from all over will be converging on the 41st Annual Australian Sheep and Wool Show in Bendigo from July 20 to 22. This year's edition of the show will feature This Is the RCC, a series of performances and interviews including music, circus performance and tap dance on July 21. [www.sheepshow.com](http://www.sheepshow.com)

There's so much going on around the region as the weather gets cooler and there are plenty of wonderful indoor performances and exhibitions to get to. Visit our website at [rcc2018.com](http://rcc2018.com) for full event listings ranging from inspiring monthly author talks in Clunes (Booktown on Sundays) to a play performed in the trees of the Vaughan Springs Reserve.



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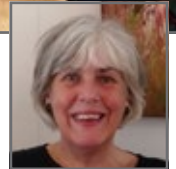
## The Volunteers of The Core Folding and Delivery Team

Every month a group of up to five women gather to fold the copies of The Core and to organise their distribution. Much local information is exchanged over the pages of The Core and over the coffee and cake which follows. Between them the group delivers the 450 copies as far afield as Bendigo in the north to Elphinstone in the south. The Core is distributed to 38 outlets including cafes, libraries, shops and doctors' and dentists' surgeries.

Thank you to this team of willing volunteers who get the news about Harcourt to others across the Shire and into Bendigo.



To the left are Liz Ward and Liz Bini, both of whom are in the Harcourt Walking Group and have lived in Harcourt for two years. Moira McLennan (front right) has been a resident of Harcourt for 30 years and is a keen golfer and is a member of Landcare. Lexie Don (back right) is an avid gardener and has been settled in Harcourt for nearly two years. Inset photo is Sha Cordingley who has recently established the Adopt a Roadside group for the freeway roundabout and is Deputy Chair of the HPA. Sha has lived in Harcourt since the end of 2015.





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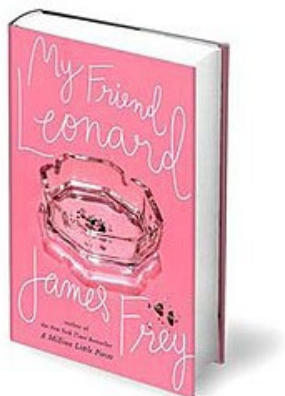


# Book Review

## My Friend Leonard

### by James Frey

It has been a while since I have had the opportunity to read a book from cover to cover without getting distracted by life. It's safe to say I usually go for gritty autobiographies and that is exactly what I did again when I picked this book from the shelves. Sometimes sticking with the same genre can become monotonous, however this story is the exact opposite.



In my opinion, 'My Friend Leonard' is the best autobiography I have ever read. In his sequel to his first book 'A Million Little Pieces', James Frey tells his story about life as a rehabilitating drug addict and alcoholic. The story follows as James' life is turned completely upside down and he does everything he can to get back on track, despite constant setbacks and struggles. The focal point of James' story is his friendship with a man called Leonard who he met in rehab. Leonard becomes James' very loyal father figure who picks him up, ensures he is always living in comfort, and gives him advice that ultimately transforms his life. James experiences grief, uncertainty, depression, hopelessness. "Sleep does not come easily. Seconds become minutes become hours. Hours. I lie on the floor and I clutch the pillow...I'm alone...Dark becomes light. I lie on the floor. At last I sleep."

'My Friend Leonard' is an incredibly addictive and beautifully written book with an honest and inspirational perspective on life. Written for adults only, this book takes the reader on a journey from darkness to light, grief to laughter and from depression to hope.

Serenity Campbell  
29/06/18



**Harcourt Valley**  
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Harcourt Valley Landcare invites applications for a contract Project Officer to research, write and promote the Harcourt Valley Fruit Fly Action Plan. The project will begin in late July and conclude in mid-December, 2018. The successful candidate must have an ABN and will work independently, managing their own hours as required to complete the work for the contract fee of \$4000 (ex-GST). The work includes:

- researching fruit fly action plans in other regions,
- identifying and interviewing key stakeholders,
- reporting at key milestones to the Project Manager (including four face-to-face meetings in Harcourt),
- writing the plan based on learnings from research and interviews,
- taking on feedback and making changes from the group via the Project Manager,
- publishing and promoting the Action Plan via agreed channels and
- organising and running a local community event to promote the plan.

#### Essential skills and experience:

- High level of written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrated experience working with stakeholders on a project.
- Demonstrated experience writing strategic planning documents for government or private sector clients or employers.

#### Desirable skills and experience:

- Planning and running a small event.
- Knowledge of the agricultural or produce industry.

Applications due 5:00 pm Friday 13 July 2018

To apply, please send a CV and a cover letter outlining how your skills and experience have prepared you to successfully perform this role to [terrywillis47@gmail.com](mailto:terrywillis47@gmail.com). Suitable candidates will be interviewed by two Landcare members, in Harcourt in the third week of July and the contractor will be appointed in the fourth week.

Please share this advertisement with your contacts. We look forward to hearing from you or your contacts.

Terry Willis  
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## What is the Community Enterprise?

Mt Alexander Community Enterprise Inc is a voluntary, not-for-profit group dedicated to raising funds to help build a stronger community.

You may know some of our projects –

- Wesley Hill Sports Complex \$100,000 donation
- Food@Christmas for the Salvation Army
- Thankyou bags for plastic free community
- Annual \$1,000 community grants
- Fit2Drive at Castlemaine Secondary College
- Castlemaine Hot Rod Community Centre

Our funds come from the customers of Bendigo Bank and Bendigo Telco who ask, 'Please tag my account as a supporter of Mt ACE.' The businesses then return a monthly commission to MtACE and we can fund community projects. So the more people who ask to tag their accounts as MtACE supporters, the greater the funds we will have to distribute locally.

Many people ask what is the difference between a community bank and a community enterprise?

In our region we have the Maldon community bank which has been a great source of community funds with their core areas of Maldon, Newstead and Dunolly. Bendigo Bank have tried to extend that community model through existing branches and so Community Enterprises have been formed around local branches – there are others at Kangaroo Flat, Eaglehawk, Strathfieldsaye and Northern Bendigo district.

It is up to the community to establish an enterprise in their region and in Mt Alexander the Wesley Hill Sports Complex Redevelopment group and the Castlemaine Hot Rod Community Centre group were the ones to get the ball rolling. Now that we have increased our funds we have been expanding to include a much wider range of grants and opportunities for community funding.

So to support your community, please consider Bendigo Bank or Bendigo Telco when you need home or business, financial or communications advice. If you are already a customer, just ask them to tag your account as a Mt Alexander Community Enterprise supporter and watch our funds to the community increase. You don't pay any extra and your details remain private with the businesses and they not shared with MtACE.

'Why would they share their profits with the Community Enterprise?' is often asked. These businesses see their community connection as the thing which sets them apart from the other industry players and they know the benefits of that collaboration. It works for them and it works for us!

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*Robyn Lewis  
Secretary  
MtACE*





## IT'S ON AGAIN! THE 2nd MID-WINTER DANCE IN NEWSTEAD

After the astounding success of last year's inaugural Newstead Mid-Winter Dance of course we have to have another one.

Once again winter is upon us and cabin fever will build up its momentum, pushing some to move northward to warmer climates and for those of us not that lucky we can look forward to some energising frivolity at this year's MID-WINTER DANCE, on July 21st, 2018 at the Newstead Community Centre.

The exuberant KGB Band, made up of local musicians will be playing music again from Klezmer, Gypsy, Balkan including Greek and other time proven dance traditions, with interspersions of improvised sessions for the free spirits to strut their stuff. A dance caller will be on hand to lead and show the dance steps so that everyone, young and old, can participate.

You won't need a dance partner, you just need to join the circle.

A wonderful antidote for mid-winter blues!

With hindsight from our experience last year, we have tweaked the doings for a better night of revelry for everyone to get value for money.

### Pre-Bought Ticket prices are:

Adult – \$15.00

Concession (inc students over 12 years) – \$10.00

Children under 12 years – \$5.00 (must be accompanied by an adult)

On line [www.trybooking.com/382796](http://www.trybooking.com/382796)

or at the NEWSTEAD RTC, 45 Lyons St, Newstead.

Tickets at the door will be \$20.00  
if not sold out beforehand.

Delicious food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be available to buy at Papa Antonio's Cafe and the Mid-Winter Bar run by Welshman's Reef Winery.

Make a note of the date, Saturday 21st July, 2018, 7pm at the Newstead Community Centre and pre-buy your tickets so you don't miss out.

## LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

My shop isn't making much money.

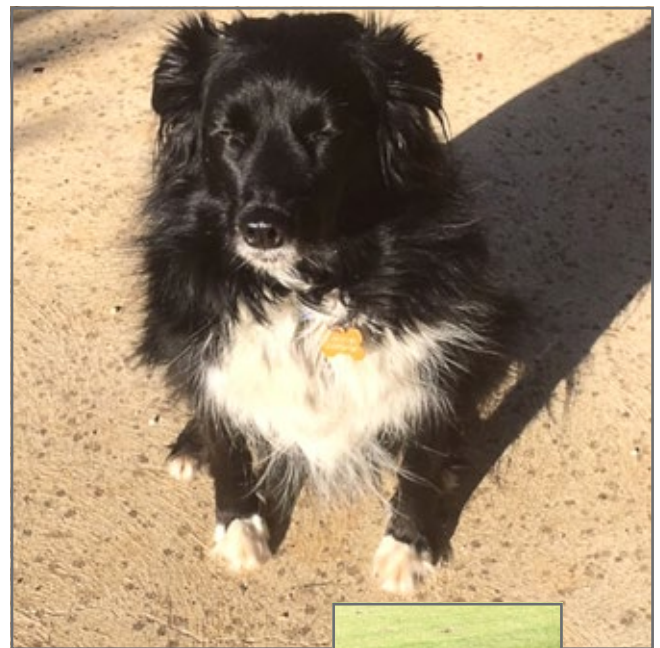
I only sell eggs, cheese, and honey.

I tried selling pokers

And cards without jokers

But nobody thought that was funny

## Pet of the Month



Hello my name is Jess. My namesake is The Dog's girlfriend from "Footrot Flats" I am a Border Collie and love to run and run!

I was discovered on Facebook needing a home!

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## Love your pet? Send us a picture!

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with a statement about why you love your pet.



## Councillor Comment

Hi all,

We are all noticing the frosts and the chilly air. The frosts bring sunny days but hopefully rain is on the way.

Great news! The Council budget for 2018/19 was adopted at last week's Council meeting.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the meeting for medical reasons but I am sure it is a sound budget following months of work by Council Officers and Councillors.

Key elements in the budget for me are:

- Roads budget increased to \$3.6m
- Wesley Hill Junior Sports Hub Stage 2 with the addition of lighting to the Doug Powell Oval/Cycle track.
- Phee Broadway Theatre upgrade works \$50k
- Harcourt Play-space design. \$60k.
- Harcourt Developer Contribution Study. \$40k
- Increases in funding for the Castlemaine Art Museum and Buda historic home.
- Total rates pool increase is capped at 2.25%. Noted this will vary between properties due to changes in valuations.

There's also great news with Stage 2 of the Market street housing development approved by Council. This will provide a boost to local businesses, sporting groups, and the school.

*Best regards to all, Tony*  
AG Cordy  
0439742434



Here are some of the first loaves baked at Blume's. Jodie Pillinger said, "I was very pleased with their appearance, but we are still learning about the oven and improving our methods." So we'll all have to wait a little longer to get our first taste of locally baked bread!

## Vocal Nosh!

by gosh it's on again for **2018**  
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# Weather and Water to the end of June 2018

Here at Reservoir Road Harcourt we have received 215ml of rain to the end of June. This is down on last year's total of 262.5ml for the same period. I should have been recording the number of frosts too! It feels like we have had many more than in recent years. Is anyone out there keeping a frost record? If so please let The Core know.

## Extracts from Coliban's Rural Customer Update:

Coliban Water officially announced on July 2 that it will be providing 100 per cent allocation for those holding irrigation licences in the system. (Editor: See the table below: storages are 10.8% down when compared to last year.)

Our region has received below average rainfall over autumn, one of the driest since 1900. However, the combined Coliban catchment storages are currently holding at 67 per cent (46.9 gigalitres) of full capacity.

The Bureau of Meteorology has predicted below-average

rainfall and above-average temperatures in south-eastern Australia, over the winter period.

## Harcourt Modernised Pipeline

The second year of operation of the Harcourt Modernised Pipeline is almost completed. At the end of March 2018, 131 of the 169 licence holders had drawn a total of 822 megalitres of water via their metered services.

## Water charges in the Coliban system.

There are no increases in charges to Coliban customers for water usage for the coming season.

## Our storage volumes

Below is a summary of storage levels and rainfall for our three major catchment storages near Kyneton. These storages are required to supply the townships and areas of Castlemaine and Kyneton, and to supplement supply to Bendigo.

Storage	Capacity at full supply	Current volume		Volume same time last year	
	megalitres	megalitres	% full	megalitres	% full
Upper Coliban	37,770	28,510	75.5%	35,263	93.4%
Lauriston	19,790	15,670	79.2%	17,190	86.9%
Malmsbury	12,034	2,766	23%	1,974	16.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,594</b>	<b>46,946</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>54,427</b>	<b>78.2%</b>


Source: [coliban.com.au/site/root/water\\_security/reservoirs.html](http://coliban.com.au/site/root/water_security/reservoirs.html)

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# Winter is scion season!

Last month we talked about how fun and easy it is to graft your fruit trees. So this month is your reminder that NOW is the time to collect grafting wood (called scions) while the trees are still dormant, then store them until the sap starts moving in your fruit trees in early spring, which is the time to do the actual grafting. It takes a bit of planning, but it's worth it. Grafting is a fantastic way to turn a seedling or a sucker into a useful fruiting tree, and plum seedlings are one of the most useful, as they make a good rootstock for both plums and apricots. You can even graft peaches and nectarines onto plum rootstock though it tends to be less successful (and needs to be done in summer, using the summer grafting technique known as 'budding').

So, here's how to successfully collect scion wood.

1. First you need to choose the varieties you want to grow. Try asking around your neighbours to find out what are their favourite and most successful varieties. That way you'll be growing something that you already know will grow well in our district. There's a list of some of the varieties we grow on the farm on the front page of our website ([www.mafg.com.au](http://www.mafg.com.au)) if you want to some of our favourites.
2. You should only collect grafting wood from trees that are completely dormant (no leaves).

3. Collect strong healthy pieces of one year old wood, i.e., the shoots that grew last summer. It's not hard to spot them—just start at the end of any shoot, and go back to where you can see an obvious join to the older wood that grew the year before.
4. Cut a few pieces, wrap them in plastic wrap or seal in a plastic bag. They don't have to be airtight, but it's important to make sure the wood won't dry out.
5. Here's the really important bit—label it! Then just store it somewhere cool like a cellar, or the fridge, until spring.

On another topic, here's a tip for looking after your worm farm over winter. Worms don't like to be cold, so add an extra layer of insulation by covering with underfelt or old carpet, or if you only have a small worm farm, move it into a shed or the laundry to provide some extra protection from the elements. It's important to look after them or the worms will either die or escape if conditions get too dire!

Hugh and Katie Finlay run Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic orchard in Harcourt. They offer a free weekly newsletter called Weekly Fruit Tips, and run online courses for gardeners interested in learning how to grow their own organic fruit. Go to [www.growgreatfruit.com](http://www.growgreatfruit.com) for details. They also offer a free weekly webinar (online workshop) called "The 5 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit" - sign up at: [growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing/](http://growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing/).



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## ASQ Plant of the Month

### Daphne

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### Council adopts budget

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### Chat with your councillor

If you have a question for Council come along to the next councillor community forum at Taradale Hall from 6.00pm to 7.00pm on Tuesday 24 July.

You can also meet councillors at regular listening posts:

- Maxi IGA Supermarket Building in Castlemaine from 3.00pm to 5.00pm on the Thursday after each monthly Council meeting.
- Chewton General Store from 8.30am to 10.30am on the fourth Friday of the month.
- Elphinstone Post Office and General Store from 9.00am to 11.00am on the first Saturday of the month.
- Outside the Wheel and Loom Building at Maldon from 10.00am to 12.00noon on the second Sunday of the month.
- Rural Transaction Centre in Newstead on Thursday mornings.

Find contact details for councillors on our website.

### Download a waste app to win

Download the free Loddon Mallee Waste Info App by Friday 13 July for a chance to win a \$200 eco-prize pack. To be in the draw, download the app through the App Store or Google Play with the search: Loddon Mallee. Select Mount Alexander Shire Council and go to the Report Problem tab at the bottom. Enter in your contact details and select Waste App Competition from the topics. In the notes section name an item you are unsure what bin it belongs in. The winner will be announced on Tuesday 24 July.

### Library home visits

Did you know that Goldfields Library Corporation now offers home library services for people who are unable to visit the library? Volunteers deliver reserved items or those that reflect the borrower's preferences each month. To find out whether you are eligible for the service or to register contact the library service on 5449 2790 or email [homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:homelibraryservice@ncgrl.vic.gov.au).

### Council meetings

- 6.30pm, Tuesday 17 July at the Civic Centre
- 6.30pm, Tuesday 21 August at the Civic Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Civic Centre

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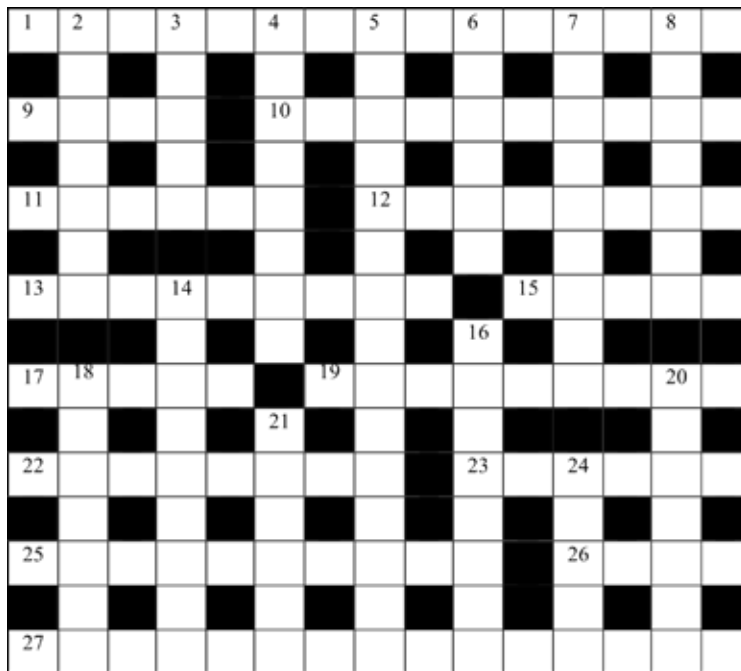
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## Down:

2. Where you might like your hamburger when you're winning? (2,1,4)
3. Tap UK post Brexit—it's all washed up! (5)
4. Spotting the fact that the wing wasn't freezing. (8)
5. Even if errant noble fans flames at the branch, this amount cannot be moved into his account. (3-12)
6. English schoolboys in the '50s enjoyed what doctor does. (6)
7. Some people might fear Mecca if they dared to use this Western cosmetic! (4-5)
8. The main vet did time there. (7)
14. Clean, not subject to undue ills. (9)

16. Lord's ripe feel? (4,4)
18. To me, men become a jogger... (7)
20. One rune per cell... (7)
21. Pussy hotel for what Major T was sitting in? (3,3)
24. How a small finch might come out in the wash? (5)

## Across:

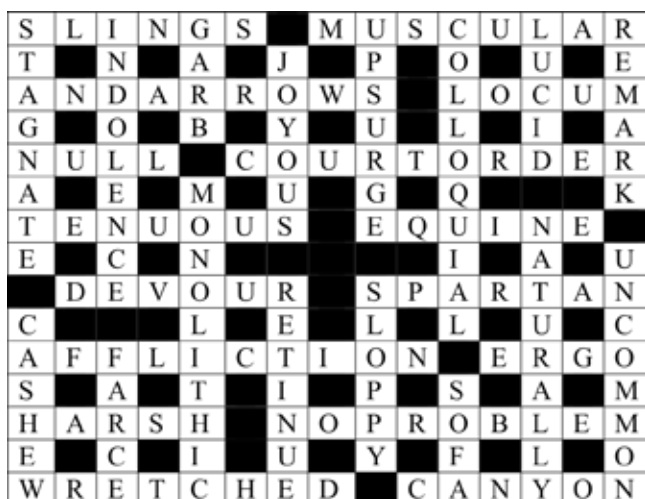
1. How standard drudgery invokes winter of discontent? (5,4,2,4)
9. Find fault with swimmer. (4)
10. They veer towards the nicest need... (10)
11. Justice that scans? (6)
12. Bashful, inert, etc. (8)
13. Where one is extremely happy to include no docile nun... (5,4)
15. D-packs are about a manuscript's worth... (5)

17. Martin's out of order? (5)
19. Positive if farming. (9)
22. Mere ills are more putrid... (8)
23. Lachrymose, disjointed, gives a good talking-to. (6)
25. You could put Clive in bin if you're that hard to beat. (10)
26. DST meridian not on: clear the joint for EST. (4)
27. Just the dog for the diggings? (6,9)

Core reader and cryptic crossword fan Neil Anderson of Woodend has sent in a tribute to our Crossword whiz McW:

Indeed, McW was at it again:  
The look on my face? Extreme pain.  
His Cryptic was...well, Cryptic  
Like hieroglyphics from Egyp-tic  
I'm not likely to solve one again!

# JUNE Xword 2018 SOLUTION



## Down:

1. How newborn [Nate] boy deer might slow to a standstill? (8)
2. According to Dutton, Corman et al, collecting this [dole] surrounded by fashionable [in] northern Anglicans [c.e.] is mere laziness. (9)
3. Haphazardly snatch [grab] apparel. (4)
5. Raises ['ups'] drive in blowhole? (7)
6. [Cool! A quill] rendered as a biro (in a manner of speaking). (10)
7. Clear confused copper in top [lid]. (5)
8. Teacher, assess again that observation. (6)

9. What tidings ought to be? [Sorry...] (4)
14. Ho! Miltonic verse rendered geologically? (10)
17. How to be, of course, on a beach? (9)
18. English upper class a bit recondite (after closures)? [Well?] (7)
20. Continue train not against but about [re...] (6)
21. [P-L-O-Y (sp?)] A bit how's yer father... (6)
22. Anglicans [wash] nuts but this isn't one. (6)
24. Fear this century may be one? [Well?] (7)
26. Only [so far] as one can couch... (4)

## Across:

- 1 & 10. Fate's lucky weapons are over-the-top! (6,3,6) [Well? "Outrageous fortune"...]
4. Gym-goers could be [scum] in central Asian mountains [Ural]. (8)
10. (see 1ac.)
11. Medic's place taken by unspirited mulch with nothing in it? (5)
12. (See 30ac.) (4)
13. She wants this [rot cured or] she'll get one to set the law on him... (5,5)

15. Donald's grip on the truth? (Sorry, not cryptic.) (7)
16. One of five [quin] surrounded by fifth letters smells of sweaty saddle. (6)
19. Super-churchy can replace junction ['T'] with the right to absolutely consume. (6)
21. Who can shadow-box, get under the sun, and take on the Athenians? (7)
23. Scourge visited on Hollywood Ben [Affleck]? (10)

25. Therefore you pay annually for the car, turned half inside-out. (4)
27. Add what 11 took away to skin eruption to be this, roughly. (5)
28. Compared to 15-he, even a [pleb. moron] is this (could even be a [noble romp]...) (2,7)
29. Those of the earth set to multiply? (8)
30. It may resemble a yawning gap to go with 12, rendering invalid... [null & void...] (5)



# Community Diary Dates

**Thursday 12th July:** 7.30pm Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall. Contact: Secretary 0467 670 271.

**Saturday 14th July:** Are you 12–25 years of age? Mondo Lounge invites you to join an earth skills excursion in Muckleford. See page 4 for details.

**Monday 16th July:** School Term 3 commences.

**Sunday 22nd July:** 10am–12 midday, Working Bee Harcourt Flora Reserve, Bingham's Road, Harcourt Valley Landcare, Contact Secretary 0467 670 271.

**Sunday 22nd July:** 1.30pm Fireside Chat "The Philosophy of Mapping" at the Heritage Centre.

**Sunday 26th July:** La Larr Ba Gauwa Mountain Bike Park: Central Goldfields Winter Series scheduled to be held at the facility on 26th August. See page 10.

**Friday 6th August:** Expressions of interest close for ideas for events for the 2018 Seniors Festival. \$200 grants are available for five local events. See page 5 for details.

**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.

**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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# HARCOURT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.



## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Harcourt Progress Association Inc. aims to:

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

Membership of the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. is open to all residents and landowners within a 20kms radius of the Harcourt Township - some exceptions apply - do enquire. There is no joining fee for the Harcourt Progress Association Inc. but an annual subscription of \$20 per person / \$10 concession is payable to become a financial member who is then able to formally vote and join the Steering Committee. Annual subscriptions fall due on 1<sup>st</sup> July each year. Any renewals or new memberships paid in 2018 will be valid until the end of June 2019.

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