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Action on Queensland Fruit Fly



Representatives of QFF grant recipients with MP Maree Edwards. Left to right: Darren Fuzzard CEO of Mount Alexander Shire, Bronwen Machin Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire, Margaret O'Rourke Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo, Maree Edwards, Terry Willis of Harcourt Valley Landcare and Nicole Porter of Bendigo Regional Food Alliance.

Harcourt's horticultural industries are under threat from Queensland Fruit Fly which may be in this region; there were unconfirmed sightings in Castlemaine during the 2017–18 summer. The threat is real and if left uncontrolled could do enormous damage to orchards, vineyards and home gardens in our region.

The Victorian Government has allocated \$1.6 million to tackling Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF). Maree Edwards visited Mount Alexander Fruit Gardens on Friday to announce funding to four recipients within the Mount Alexander and Greater Bendigo

area. In total 28 community groups will receive funding across Victoria.

The selected projects will have a focus on community education, on-ground action and ultimately prevention through better practice. Grant recipients include:

- Harcourt Valley Landcare who have received \$5,000 to develop an action plan against fruit fly and deliver a community awareness campaign.

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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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- Bendigo Regional Food Alliance Inc who have received \$4,930 to undertake community pruning, mapping of QFF distribution in the area and also deliver QFF management workshops.
- Greater Bendigo and Mount Alexander shire Council have both received \$5,000 to collaboratively develop educational videos about QFF.

Maree Edwards said, "Managing fruit fly is everyone's responsibility, and these grants enable industry and the community to take ownership of QFF. A collaborative approach is needed to reduce the impact on the state's horticultural industries which are worth \$1.1 billion to Victoria's export economy."

Economic growth for Harcourt

Mount Alexander Shire Council recently received funding from the federal government to support the creation of a Harcourt Economic Stimulus Plan. The grant was obtained through the Building Better Regions Fund Community Investments stream and aims to develop a plan "to attract new investment in commercial, tourism and innovative agribusiness development."

Representatives of the Harcourt Progress Association and the Harcourt Fruit Growers Association met with council officers to obtain more information about what is proposed for this project. Its early days so far and the proposal is still being developed but the two groups will stay in contact to ensure the community is informed about and able to contribute to and participate in the project as it unfolds.

Produce Market for Harcourt

A community working group has been formed to establish a monthly produce market in central Harcourt. It is proposed to trial the concept as a twilight market, held on a Friday evening, commencing in November. This helps to avoid clashing with existing weekend market schedules and provides the opportunity to incorporate entertainment, making it a fun evening out for the family. The market will target both locals and visitors and will seek to provide an outlet for regional farmers, growers and producers. If you would like to get involved in organising the market or to register your interest as a stall holder, contact Jacqueline via email at takandjak@bigpond.com or telephone 0425 323 005

New public toilets at Harcourt Swimming Pool

Over the past 5 years, the HPA have repeatedly lobbied Council to re-configure the toilets at the Harcourt Swimming Pool so that there is external access, making them available to the general public and not just limited to pool users. With the increased visitor numbers and increased cycling activity within the town, Council have come to the party and secured funding to build new facilities within the existing building. The proposal is to install a toilet and shower with an externally facing door as well as upgrading the existing change rooms, and undertaking some painting and landscaping works. Works are due to be completed by the end of October. The HPA thanks Council for making this commitment to our community facilities.

Roundabout nearly complete

Thanks to the volunteers at our recent roundabout working bee, the beautification of our town entrance is nearly complete. Thanks go out to Brian Nunn, Andrew Miersch, Steve Barnett, Chris Shepherd, Pauline Wilkinson, Doug Falconer, Nick Quirk, Robyn Miller, Flynn Hart, Terry Willis, Bron Willis and Sunny Willis. The gravel took a lot longer to spread than anticipated and the ground was MUCH, MUCH HARDER to plant into than expected, so we have deferred further plantings for the moment.

Extra special thanks to Brian Nunn, Andrew Miersch and the lads at VMR for their many, many hours of volunteer support throughout the project, trucking the rocks and gravel onto site.

Thanks to Flynn Hart from Pollen Studios for guiding the process.

And special thanks to Lyn Gilbert who stood up at a council meeting FIVE YEARS AGO asking for something to be done about the roundabout and to Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns who has remained a terrier at council's heels ever since, not letting up until something WAS DONE about it.

The power of community should never be underestimated!

See pictures on page 12



Generous Volunteers

Andrew Mierisch and Buzz (Brian) Nunn have put a huge number of man and machine hours into the construction of Harcourt's new look roundabout. Without their generous contributions the achievement would not have been possible. Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns did much of the organisation coordinating volunteers and resources to complete the design developed and directed by Flynn Hart of Pollen Studios..



Poetry at Harcourt Valley Primary School

In Writing this semester, students have started to create poems. The junior school (P-2) is currently completing poems which focus on the senses and acrostic poems and the senior school is working on diamantes, haikus and cinquains. Staff and parents have been very impressed with the imagery created by the young authors. Pictured is a small collection of senses poems created by the Grade 1 poets.

What makes all these poems different to each other?

Acrostic poems: An acrostic poem is a type of poetry where the first, last or other letters in a line spell out a particular word or phrase. The most common and simple form of an acrostic poem is where the first letters of each line spell out the word or phrase. Source: *Young Writers | Acrostic Poem Definition and Examples*: www.youngwriters.co.uk/types-acrostic

Diamante: A diamante poem is a poem that makes the shape of a diamond. The poem can be used in two ways, either comparing and contrasting two different subjects, or naming synonyms at the beginning of the poem and then antonyms for the second half for a subject. In the poems, the subject is named in one word in the first line. Source: *Diamante poem* – Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diamante_poem

Haiku: A traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems consist of 3 lines. The first and last lines of a Haiku have 5 syllables and the middle line has 7 syllables. The lines rarely rhyme. Source: *KidZone Poetry - Haiku* - www.kidzone.ws/poetry/haiku.htm

Cinquain: A cinquain poem is a verse of five lines that do not rhyme. The cinquain poem was created by Adelaide Crapsey. A cinquain consists of 5 unrhymed lines. Each line has a set number of syllables see below:

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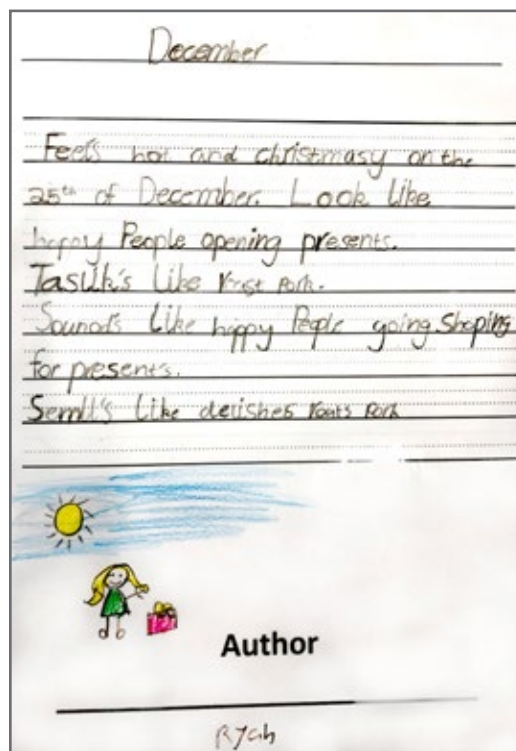
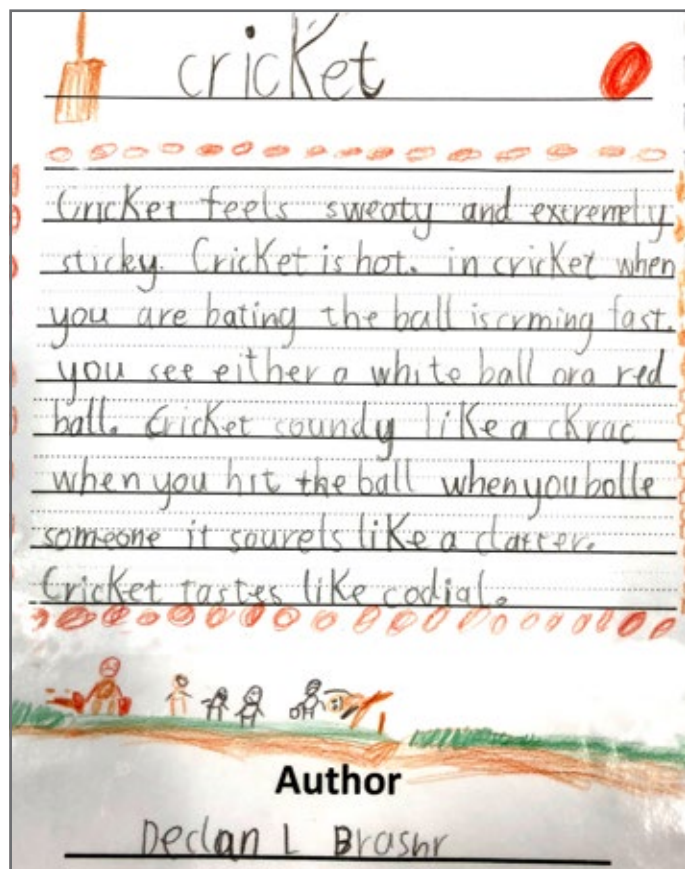
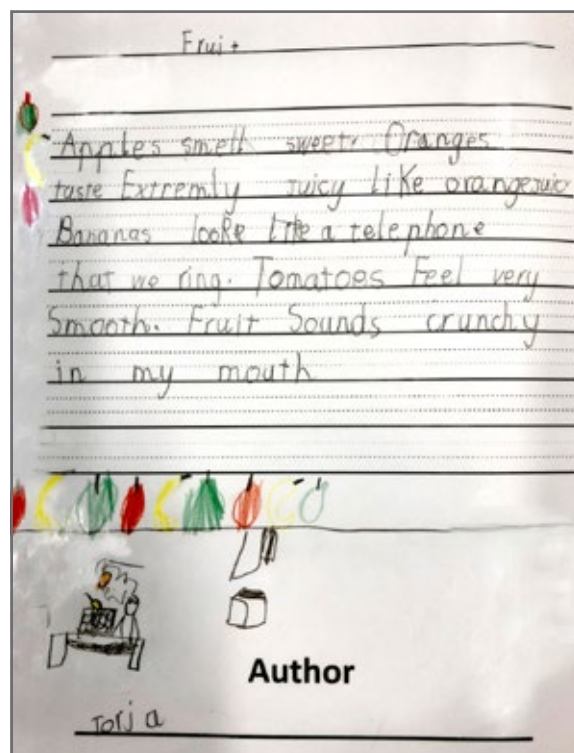
Line 2 – 4 Syllables

Line 3 – 6 Syllables

Line 4 – 8 syllables

Line 5 – 2 Syllables

Source: www.forwardpoetry.co.uk/cinquain.php





The Harcourt Lions Club Update

The Harcourt Lions Club have had a busy month continuing the work experience component of the Youth Development Program, hosting 40 students from the University of Technology Sydney as part of The Big Lift and delivering much needed fire wood to local residents.

The Big Lift, a student run volunteer organisation visited Harcourt in July as part of their nine-day bus trip across regional Australia to complete various volunteering tasks. The Lions were fortunate enough to be tasked with coordinating their time here with local projects, providing accommodation, breakfast lunch and dinner and an insight into the community and history of Harcourt. And it was a pleasure! They were an amazing group of young people and hard workers who did several hours gardening at Harcourt Valley Primary School and worked on track construction at the Victorian Miniature Railway. After a couple of cold nights sleeping in sheds they welcomed a warm stay at the Recreation Reserve and an amazing spread for dinner provided by members of the Lions Club. After dinner a stroll to the ANA Hall and an insight into Harcourt provided by George Milford, they were ready for a hot shower and a good night's sleep, before an early start the next day. A big Thank You to Sue Robins for pulling it all together.

We have delivered over 7 and a half metres of wood locally this month and for those who may still be looking to purchase wood please contact Gary Selwood on 0484 373 378. Supplies are limited.

The Lions continue to help the community with support in various ways. At our recent meeting it was agreed that we would donate our large screen and projector to Harcourt Football Netball Club for a movie night fundraiser to be held in August (Lions helping Lions). We have also donated funds to the Goldfields FC to cover the costs of St John Ambulance attendance at their Women's very social Mini Soccer Tournament – Gala Day supporting the Vic Health initiative “This Girl Can”.

For anyone interested in finding out more about the Harcourt Lions Club or wanting to contact the club for our Marquee Hire, please visit:

harcourt.vic.lions.org.au or call 0484 373 378.

Di Selwood

The Big Lift



Some of the students from the University of Technology Sydney took to the play equipment after completing their work in the Primary School gardens. The Big Lift is modelled on “Pay it Forward” developed in the USA where the motto is “Students of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow”. Students take turns in organising and leading the visits to particular towns. They were looking forward to visiting Melbourne where, as a celebration for the end of their tour, they had planned a Flash Mob Dance in Federation Square and were also going to carry out “Random Acts of Kindness” including distributing up to \$20 each and offering Free Hugs.

GALA DAY

SUNDAY 5 AUGUST
11.30AM - 4PM
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK, CHEWTON

- GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER FUN
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Harcourt CFA

THE HAZARDS OF WINTER

The month of July has been very quiet for the brigade with only two support turnouts for the month. For both of these turnouts, the brigade was not required which is always a nice result.

While we have had no incidents within our brigade area despite recent strong winds and a hail storm, the nightly news has had a number of stories about serious house fires, some involving the loss of a life. Firstly this highlights the need to ensure you have working smoke alarms. (See last month's issue for more information). Secondly, when the causes are identified, it shows that most of these fires could have been avoided with just a bit more care.

A log rolling out of an open fireplace, drying washing too close to a fire or heater, not having a clean lint filter on the clothes dryer, leaving laptops charging on the bed, burning candles too close to flammable materials, have all shown up as causes for recent house fires. The CFA classify these as PREVENTABLE FIRES, because with that little bit of extra care, they could have been avoided.

Another item of concern is the use of Therapeutic Wheat Packs for the relief of various types of pain or to keep warm. These packs can be heated in the microwave until they reach a desired temperature (as per manufacturer's instruction). Fires have occurred in both commercially manufactured as well as homemade packs.

Investigations of these packs have revealed that the wheat can ignite during the heating and also when used as a warmer in bed. In most cases the packs have been used for some time.

With constant use, this causes a reduction of the moisture content of the wheat and overheating of the heat pack which can then smoulder and result in a fire.

The CFA suggest the following safety guidelines when using therapeutic wheat packs:

CHECK THE MANUFACTURER'S GUIDELINES CONCERNING THE CAPACITY OF YOUR MICROWAVE

- Remember microwaves have various power outputs so heating times will vary accordingly
- Use suggested heating times for all type and size packs as a guide only
- Be in attendance when heating packs
- Check the manufacturers' instructions for the recommended life of the pack and any safety hints
- Do not reheat until the wheat bag is cold
- Do not use as bed warmers
- Do not store away until cold
- Leave to cool on a non-combustible surface
- Regularly check for signs of over-use, eg cooking or burning odour or charring of the bag
- If these signs are present ensure that the pack is disposed of after it has cooled down

So while we try and keep comfortable and warm in a safe manner this winter, we only need to look at what is happening in the Northern Hemisphere at the moment to remind us of the danger of wildfires in summer. Preparing for this coming summer now in the cold of winter might seem a bit odd, but planning now (including rechecking your fire plan) means that you can commence any work that needs to be done early on to ensure you are ready.

Tyrone Rice
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator

Harcourt Produce and General Store

It may not be apparent from the outside but great progress is being made internally to the Produce and General Store and the adjoining shop and residence.

When The Core spoke with owner Annette Rae she said, "The floors are getting sanded in the main shop area and in the residence and lacquering will begin the day after – they are going to be very attractive. We plan to install a large fireplace in the dining area and I'm steadily collecting decorative feature items to enhance the interior. The residence and the small shop will be completed soon. Next week new fencing will be in place. Soon we will be rendering the outside of the building. We plan to beautify the exterior further by adding a verandah and a courtyard for patrons to enjoy."

The residence and small shop will be ready for private lease by September 1.

Interested people can call Annette on 0430 302 763.

Harcourt's Little Library

is at the Heritage Centre.

Leave, borrow or take a book,

Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm.

Love your pet? Send us a picture!

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news@harcourt.vic.au

with a statement about why you love your pet.



Chatting with Harcourt CWA

The Value of Friendship

Our beautiful Border Collie, Kelly, was his name, died three weeks ago. Kelly was twelve and had a few health problems but when death came it came quickly and without warning. The following days were wretched; we grieved for our lost dog, our friend and companion.

Now on the second Thursday of each month the ladies at Harcourt CWA hold a Craft Day, it's a day where you become creative with the set activity or you can bring something you are working on at home, or you can just come and sit and chat and make a cuppa.

I don't often go to Craft Day, but last Thursday I did. It was the first time I had felt like leaving home and doing anything since Kelly had died. Before last Thursday I just went through the

This year, The Victorian Country Women's Association is celebrating ninety years of friendship and service.

motions of getting up each day and doing the shopping and housework - although that took a bit of doing as I didn't have a dog to share my morning walk any more.

But Thursday came and I decided to go to craft. The craft activity was sewing quilting pieces together, which, when finished,

Robyn McConville will put together to create a magnificent quilt which we will raffle at Applefest next year.

This year, The Victorian Country Women's Association is celebrating ninety years of friendship and service. I wonder how many women, in the past ninety years, have also felt their spirits lifted, their lives made just that little bit brighter simply by sharing time together with their CWA friends.

It was cold outside, but the warmth and camaraderie I felt sitting at that table lifted my spirits and warmed the cold that had been sitting inside me since Kelly had died.

As I mentioned earlier, the Victorian CWA was founded ninety years ago and the members at the Harcourt Branch are celebrating these ninety years in their Annual Concert in October. Stay tuned for more details about this fabulous event in the September issue of The Core.

Good friends are one of life's treasures and the CWA has provided opportunities for us to make friends and enjoy their company for over 90 years in Victoria.

*Lyn Rule
Harcourt CWA
Publicity Officer*



Here is Kelly at our Friendship Day in the Botanical Garden, he enjoyed his outings and friendship also.

HARCOURT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB PRESENTS



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Save the date: Friday August 10th

Harcourt Leisure Centre Hall

6pm arrival for 6:30 screening

\$20 per family entry fee (includes complimentary popcorn)

Please RSVP* if attending, text 'YES' and how many in your family to 0407 314 378

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Harcourt Heritage Centre

The Widow, Sarah Symes

Sarah Symes was born Sarah Leach in the village of Stogursey, Somersetshire, England. Sarah was 20 when she married wheelwright/carpenter William Symes. Stogursey Parish had been suffering from depressed conditions for some time. In 1840 the Poor Law Commissioners asked parish vestries to use a portion of their rate revenues to encourage some of their residents to emigrate. Under the 'Wakefield System', skilled labourers were being recruited to help establish the colony of South Australia. Sarah and William Symes, along with William's parents and all of his eleven siblings resolved to take up the offer of a free passage to the new colony. On 17th January 1840 the ship 'Charles Kerr' sailed from Gravesend with 216 passengers, among them twenty members of the Symes family, including Sarah and William with their four little boys. The ship arrived at Adelaide on 17th June 1840. When the Symes family settled on the outskirts of Adelaide the conditions were rough and makeshift. Three more boys were born to Sarah and William in South Australia.

Sarah and William Symes left the family's blacksmith shop in Golden Grove (north of Adelaide) as soon as news of the Port Phillip gold discoveries became known. It seems that they left their children in the care of their extended family and travelled to the gold diggings, for in November 1852 the couple sailed back to Adelaide from Melbourne on the barque 'Augustus Schreiber'. They then travelled overland to return to the diggings, with six sons, a horse and dray and all their household possessions. This journey would have taken about six weeks. The remaining members of the extended Symes family remained in South Australia. By the mid eighteen-fifties we find that William and Sarah had set up a store in Black Jack Road, Harcourt. As the boys grew they became carpenters, erecting many homes and bridges throughout the district.

On a moonlit night in December 1860 Sarah Symes heard some noise and hard words outside the store. On going to her door, Sarah saw two men pushing and shoving at each other; then the younger man stabbed the older, inflicting a severe wound. She sent for Dr Young who did all he could but the man died. Sarah was later called before his Honor Mr. Justice Barry as a witness to murder. By this time William Symes was suffering from heart disease and Sarah had the running of the store. Sarah's husband William died, at the age of 45 years, in March 1862.

In 1864, following a change in the law, Sarah applied for a licence to sell beer. This did not entail the keeping of a hotel. It appears that this line of business did not last very long. Ironically Mrs. Symes' sons were all teetotalers and foundation members of the Rechabite Tent founded in Harcourt in 1869. Symes Brothers were prominent in district cricket at this time.

In September 1867 Mrs. Symes suffered the devastating loss of her home (described as a slab house) when a large gum tree toppled over in a storm and landed squarely on her bedroom.

Sarah and her sons, who had just arrived home from work, were all in the front room at the time and escaped without injury. The boys built their mother a new home. This home still stands in 2018, situated on the north side of Black Jack Road, west of the railway arch.

Over the next few years four of the boys married local girls, leaving only Edmund at home with his mother. Edmund, who worked with his brothers as a bridge-builder, suffered from consumption (tuberculosis) and in 1879, at age 31, he died. His sorrowing family inscribed his tombstone with the words "My life has been a narrow span"

Meanwhile, in 1877, Sarah married Fred Cartledge, a man ten years her junior. It must have been a happy marriage; Sarah's sons attended the ceremony. Sarah and Fred lived together for 24 years.

Sarah lived to see her surviving sons become established as orchardists. Middle son George lived next door to his mother. George Symes was the manager of the Barkers Creek Slate Quarry. He served on the board of the Castlemaine Hospital as well as being a councillor for the Shire of Metcalfe, and later, for the Shire of Maldon. (He owned land in both shires). In the year 1899, Cr George Symes, then 57 years old, became ill with influenza and, to the surprise and regret of all, he died, leaving a widow and grown-up family. His mother Sarah survived this cruel blow by just over a year, dying on 21st March 1901 at the age of 88.

From a poor parish in rural England, Sarah was a pioneer settler of South Australia and later, a visitor to the Victorian goldfields when few women were to be found in the tent-towns of the early alluvial diggings. A businesswoman in her own right, Sarah nursed her husband and a son through long, distressing and terminal illnesses. Her remaining sons became pillars of the community; John Symes married Harriet Poor, James Symes married Ellen Thacker, William Symes married Margaret Proctor (and, after his first wife's death, William married Margaret McAlpine) George Symes married Mary Schier and Charles Symes married Alice Pritchard. Sarah Symes was a pivotal personality at the south end of Harcourt for almost fifty years, matriarch of a large and prominent family. Many descendants are to be found throughout the community today.

This is another in a series of 'thumbnail sketches' of the pioneers, taken from the CH James collection, Harcourt Heritage Centre.

Sarah Symes said: I am the wife of Wm. Symes, and live at Barker's Creek. I have a store. On Saturday evening last the wife of the deceased and her mother came to my store, and got their things, and sat waiting for deceased, who was to meet them there. She was tired of waiting and went. I mean the wife. About 10 p.m., while I was with Mrs. Jones, sen., I heard some one coming up. I saw it was the wife of the deceased, prisoner, and deceased. They had

From a report on the Coroner's Inquest. The Age, Jan 3, 1861. Via Trove.

Fireside Chats

Harcourt Heritage Centre received many compliments on the July Fireside Chat. We were told that people very much enjoyed the talk on Sunday July 22nd. It shows that fascinating and talented people live hereabouts.

Our speaker, Jase Haysom, gave us much to think about, drawn from his map-making and his ramblings along bush tracks with a GPS device in his hand. Everyone present enjoyed Jase's insights.

The August Fireside Chat will be held on Sunday 19th August. The inspiration for this event has been drawn from Harcourt Heritage Centre's association with the Victorian Collections website. The event is entitled, "Behind the photograph – Pascoe's Store". It will take us behind the iconic Harcourt image of the first general store to what was happening behind the counter, behind the shop and in the family home next door.

The interpretation of historic photographs is something we rarely undertake. Those old black and white images might seem to be 'old hat' but, with a bit of research, a bit of imagination, a century-old photograph can open up a world that was not devoid of colour, and which had its fair share of excitement and saw the full gamut of human emotion.

Where: Harcourt Heritage Centre
When: 1.30 pm, Sunday 19th August
What to bring: A plate of afternoon tea, please.



Pascoe's Store is the subject of the August Fireside Chat. The back section of the store and the adjoining house remain in High Street Harcourt.



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Bike Safety and Maintenance Workshops

The Rocky Riders mountain bike club is running a series of community workshops for both adults and kids. Kids workshops are an earlier time slot and parents are requested to stay for the workshop as well.

The scheduled sessions are:

- Thursday 18 October (Adults)
- Thursday 23 August and Thursday 20 September (Kids & Parents)

Topics to be covered during the workshops include:

- Setting up your bike so it's comfortable and safe to ride
- Riding your bike safely - on and off-road
- Basic bike maintenance eg. tyre pressures, looking after your chain, changing a tyre, bike cleaning

Venue: Castlemaine Tennis Club, 2 Hargraves Street Castlemaine

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Local Writer and Photographer establishes Publishing Business

Harcourt resident Katherine Seppings has established Sevenpens Publishing to assist authors to bring their work to the reading public. On Sat 7 July about 100 people attended the launch of *The Illustrator* by Jill Barclay at the Maurocco Bar, Castlemaine. Katherine used her training and years of experience to take Jill's book through all the stages of editing and design and ultimately to publication.



The publishing industry has changed in recent years and instead of approaching a publisher in the traditional way, authors may choose to self-publish as Jill did. Sound easy? Not necessarily. Katherine offers authors advice in the editing

and shaping of a book through to manuscript submission to agents or publishers, and can assist in any or all of the steps required to self-publish a book to high standards comparable to a major publishing company.

At the launch of Jill's book Katherine spoke about the birth of a book, the stages of development, and her role as a 'midwife' in bringing Jill's book into the world

The Illustrator is based on Jill Barclay's real grandmother, a woman who just disappears. All her life Eileen is sure of one thing – her love of drawing and the desire to be a commercial artist. In the 1920s, Eileen's talents are well recognised in the Goulburn Valley where she is a farmer's daughter, but this is a place and time when women can only be wives, mothers and homemakers. A woman choosing a career over her husband and baby is unheard of.

The Illustrator by Jill Barclay

Sevenpens Publishing (2018)

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by The Bard of North Harcourt

Today I was really excited
A UFO I had just sighted.
To others it seemed
It was something I dreamed.
But I did and I'm really delighted.

Business Update – The Hearing Club

By Genevieve Ward

I met with couple Oliver Raetz and Lilian Scherer at a Castlemaine cafe to find out about their business The Hearing Club. First up I wanted to hear all about their beautiful 30 acre property in Harcourt which is an established walnut farm. Oliver explained, “We harvest our walnuts around Easter time which is handy because school holiday time means our two kids can help out! We harvest around 600 trees then clean, dry, pack and sell to local fruit and veg stores”.



Oliver and Lilian moved from Berlin to Australia 12 years ago, settling in Torquay when Lilian was head-hunted to work at a hearing practice in Geelong. Lilian is a speech pathologist and audiologist and has worked in the hearing industry for over 20 years for a retail chain, an independent practice and hearing aid manufacturer. In this last role Lilian says, “I went to independent clinics and trained the audiologists on the products. This expanded my technical knowledge, maturity and business knowledge. “

Lilian and Oliver bought the Woodend Hearing Centre 18 months ago and in January they joined forces with another hearing business in Bendigo called The Hearing Specialist and decided to become one clinic. This prompted the name change on 1 June to The Hearing Club.

Lilian says, “Both businesses are independently run and we have a stronger workforce with two audiologists based in the Woodend practice, three in Bendigo plus six administration staff.”

The Hearing Club also has a mobile practice with visiting sites in Gisborne, Kyneton, Euroa, Seymour, Kilmore, Kerang and Benalla.

As a family owned business Lilian prides herself on their reputation for building long term relationships and providing solution focussed outcomes for the patient. “We are not driven by the manufacturers’ products. Instead we assess which aids will work best for our clients.”

“What I like most about my work is the fulfilment it gives me when I see that I can make a difference and have a direct impact on the quality of the life of my patient.”

During our interview Oliver left to purchase a birthday present for a staff member whilst Lilian told me about their team building event at the Old Castlemaine Gaol the next day. It’s clear how much they value their employees. Lilian explained that The Hearing Club provides ongoing training and development on audiological challenges and hearing loss issues –both symptoms and solutions. “We have staff members tell us how lucky they feel because they receive such great support in their learning.”

Lilian is very passionate about her work and providing the best standard of care. She explained, “Hearing loss can have a relationship to isolation and mental health – so there’s a lot of education around letting people know that they should have their hearing assessed sooner rather than later - not only for preventative reasons but to form a baseline for comparison at future check-ups.”

The Hearing Club offers educational sessions to community clubs to help raise awareness about hearing loss, prevention, the affects of hearing loss and quality of life.

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Have your say on Disability Access and Inclusion

Mount Alexander Shire Council wants to hear from people who have an interest in access and inclusion within the community.

“You may be a person living with a disability, a family member, friend or carer of a person with disability, an older resident, a parent that uses a pram or have English as a second language,” explained Julie Flynn, Council’s Manager Community Wellbeing.

“We want to know about your views and experiences, including what is and isn’t working in the community.

“We also want to hear about any initiatives you have experienced or ideas you have that will help make it easier for local residents to participate better in community life,” she said.

Council will collect information and feedback through a survey, which will be open from

Wednesday 1 to Friday 31 August.

The survey is available on Council’s website at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay, with printed copies at the Civic Centre at Castlemaine, Castlemaine Library and key locations in towns across the shire.

It is available in plain language and easy English versions. You can also call Council on 5471 1970 if you’d like a copy posted to you.

Ms Flynn said survey feedback will help Council to plan for future improvements to services and facilities.

“We aim to remove or reduce barriers and plan for better access and inclusion for all residents and visitors within the shire,” she said.

“The information from the survey will be critical in helping us to identify priorities and make sure Council is better informed about access and inclusion when developing key documents such as the Council Plan and Annual Plans.

“We are really looking to having this valuable feedback from our community and encourage everyone to have a say,” she said.

If you would like to discuss the survey or require help to participate, please phone the Community Wellbeing Team on 5471 1700.

From a Shire Press Release

Pictures of the roundabout from page 3





Pick My Project is a community grants initiative to fund local projects. Our Project is to engage students from the Castlemaine Secondary College to work with local tradesmen, volunteers from the local Lions Club and the Victorian Miniature Railway, to build a miniature railway station in Harcourt.

In order to receive the funding we need as many local people as possible to get online, register and vote for the Project.

This is our Pick My Project page!
pickmyproject.vic.gov.au



More information will be made available in the next couple of weeks on how to register to vote.

Voting will be limited to people who live in the Loddon Campaspe region. To vote, you'll need to:

- Be a Victorian resident
- Be aged 16 and over
- Go to pickmyproject.vic.gov.au
- Register for Pick My Project. This will require mobile phone verification so we can make sure we're dealing with real people. If you don't have a mobile, call our contact centre for assistance on 1800 797 818
- Live in the community you vote in.



National Tree Day Celebrated at Harcourt Primary



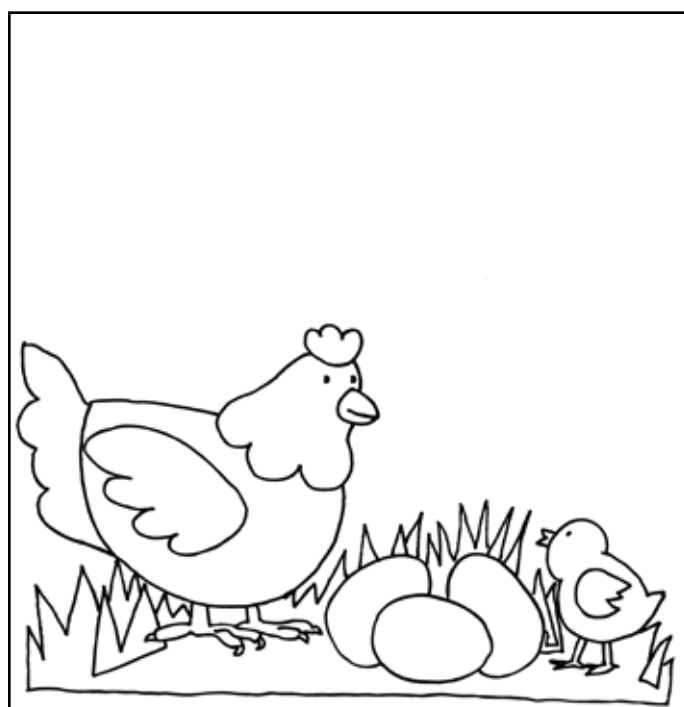
To mark Schools Tree Day on 27 July, the entire school body plus parents and community volunteers took part in planting trees in the school grounds. In the one hour session the juniors planted 200 trees, while the seniors took on the task of staking, guarding and watering. At the conclusion of the day, School Captain Megan Wilson thanked Gary Sobey and Lis from ASQ Skydancers for the donation of 50 trees. Castlemaine Toyota was also recognised for their donation of stakes, tree guards and some gloves.

The next landscape project for the school is a garden to attract butterflies and birds. This area will also have 3 nesting boxes donated by Harcourt Valley Landcare.



Happy tree planters: Gary Sobey of ASQ Skydancers, Jack Archer Grade 3, Megan Wilson, School Captain Grade 6 and teacher and planting organiser, Ben Walter.

Colour the picture



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CARPET BOWLS

Take up the Challenge

We will recommence our usual competition nights on Wednesday 8th August at 7.30pm, at the Harcourt Leisure Centre, Bingham's Road to start the games at 7.30pm. Heaters will be on!

Competition will continue from 8th August until our wind-up night in late September.

If you are new to the area or if you have just decided to give the game a go, you will be made most welcome and be fitted into a team.

For further information contact:

John: 5474 2226

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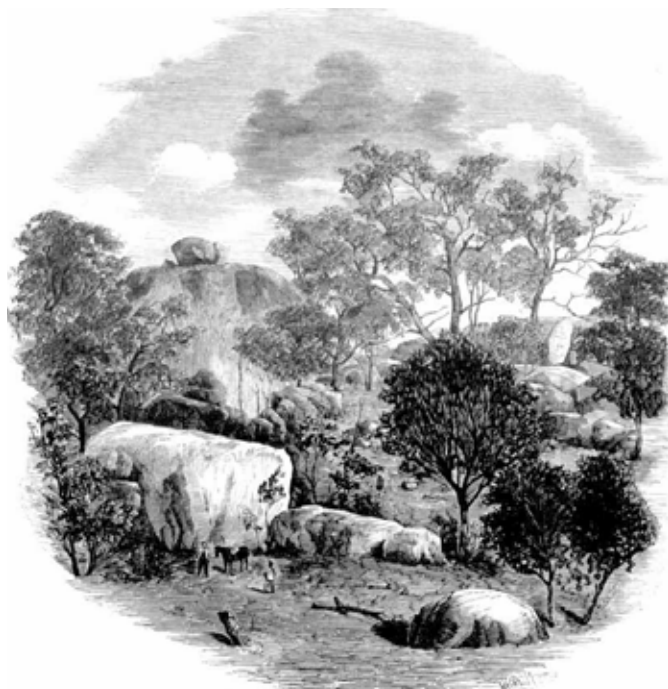
or just turn up.

*Loretta Rice
Secretary.*

Some Time Ago

GRANITE BOULDERS NEAR HARCOURT

The scene represented on page 18 is a picturesque spot in the ranges near Harcourt. The Melbourne and Echuca Railway passes through the district, and the traveller will observe that the country is undulating, slightly timbered with gum, honeysuckle, and box; and that the geological formation is lower silurian, with fine granite. There are several quarries in the neighborhood. The boulders represented in our sketch are from ten to fifteen feet in height.



Illustrated News for Home Readers 16-05-1868 via Trove



FREE Calico Shopping Bags FREE

Mt Alexander Community Enterprise is providing 1000 calico shopping bags free to the community as part of the transition from plastic to reuseable bags.

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Councillor Comment

Hi all,

Rain beautiful rain and now the sun is shining. How good does it get? We are very fortunate to live in this area. When we travel we are always pleased to get home to the rolling hills surrounding Mount Alexander.

Since I last wrote in The Core, I visited the Australian Sheep and Wool show; it was heartening to see local farmers well represented at this event. I witnessed some of the best sheep in the world go under the hammer in the rams sale. Some fetched \$20 000 with a few making \$14 500 along the way. Wool prices have eased again in the last couple of weeks but there is a lot of optimism in the wool and sheep industry.

I also attended the Calder Highway Improvement Committee meeting; this group consists of council and community representatives who work together to provide advice on priorities for future works.

At that meeting we received information about options for the proposed Tullamarine rail link. My understanding is the State and Federal Governments have committed \$5 billion each for this project. Air travel has never been cheaper so better access to the airport will be a huge boost for regional Victoria. This applies for local people travelling, and it will enable international tourists to travel into regional areas conveniently and at reasonable cost.

Council recently had briefing session at Taradale. It was followed by a community meet and greet and question time. There was a very good roll up from the community and I am sure all Councillors appreciated the efforts of community members attending on a wet and windy night.

Issues raised included discussions around reported increases in farm rates, the fire services levy which is levied by the State Government, and favourable comments around work that has been carried out on the Taradale Hall in recent years. With respect to farm rates what we are seeing is higher local valuations pushing rates higher. I am not sure where this will end. I had hoped rate capping would put the brakes on rate hikes in general but it appears this may only be part of the solution.

Best regards, Tony

AG Cordy
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Vocal Nosh August 5th

We will meet at Newstead Community Centre from 6 pm to 8.30 pm for singing and supper.

Our leader this month is Fay White and our theme is "Songs of life, songs of hope, songs to keep our dreams afloat". All welcome including children, who need to be supervised. To book (so we know how much soup to cook) please call Fay on 0447 576 642

The Cactus Warriors

The Cactus Warriors field day for August will take place on Sunday 26th at 10.30 am.

As always, we will have a pleasant morning killing Wheel Cactus. Wear sturdy footwear, long pants and appropriate headgear. Tools, as well as protective gloves and goggles, will be provided for the session, as well as a friendly BBQ lunch and good company. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

The location is still to be finalised and will be announced later this month on our website cactuswarriors.org under NEWS & EVENTS.

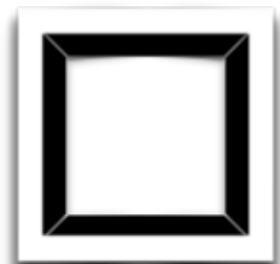
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Winter Series climax at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park

The Central Goldfields Winter Series of mountain bike racing will return to La Larr Ba Gauwa on Sunday 26 August. Racing will be cross-country style from 10am with the event concluded by 12:30pm.

Participants will be directed to park at the designated carpark opposite the CFA and in safe car parking spaces in Harcourt. Riders will use the purpose-built bike path parallel to Market Street to ride to the event staging area in the Park. Traffic marshals will be on hand to direct cyclists to this route. No road closures are needed.

The park remains open to the public while mountain bike events are on in La Larr Ba Gauwa. Only specific trails being used for the events will be closed for exclusive event use, from 8am to 12:30pm on Sunday 26 August. Signage at the entrance to the Park will detail these changes.

As the final round of the six-race series, it's set to be the decider for overall standings and the series winners in each grade. A Dirt Squirrels race will be staged for riders less than 10 years of age, with a Recreational Rider event for newcomers to the sport. Other entrants are handicapped according to ability from Grades A to E.

The Winter 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. The third round of the series held at La Larr Ba Gauwa in July was extremely popular with around 140 competitors and a heap of spectators. The start/finish line in the camping area at the Oak Forest provided a dramatic backdrop.



Video footage

A team of riders and videographers from The Riders Life recently visited La Larr Ba Gauwa and captured some stunning images of the various trails. They were guided by local rider Marlin Grupp. You can catch their spectacular six minute highlights package on YouTube; search for The Riders Life or follow this link www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YubIc_8Gm4

Keep up to date with events and other activities at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park via the Facebook page and on the website (currently under development) at lalarrbagauwa.harcourt.vic.au

ABC to commemorate 10th Anniversary of Black Saturday Fires of 2009

Such was the impact of the Black Saturday fires of February 2009, that on the first anniversary of the fires the ABC televised a documentary called "Inside the Firestorm". John Munday and Cath Scott were amongst those interviewed for the documentary about their experiences during the fires. Both were deeply affected and the trauma of that time brought them together. Out of a desire for a fresh start John and Cath moved to Harcourt in January of 2015. Jenny McKenry, who created the term "Harcourtian" for The Core, interviewed them for the September 2015 edition; the interview is still available online at the News tab on the Harcourt Community website. John and Cath would be familiar to many people in Harcourt as the duo "Summer Rain". They have performed at many local events, including Applefest, parties at the Bowling Club, swimming pool and Christmas celebrations.

John and Cath have recently been approached by the ABC for a preliminary interview for a ten year anniversary documentary of the Black Saturday fires. The probable title is "After the Firestorm". John and Cath are waiting for confirmation that they will be included and then, further filming of their story will follow. The Core hopes to bring updates as they come to hand.

It is expected that the anniversary program will be aired on, or close to, February 7, 2019.

The video of *Inside the Firestorm* is still available on YouTube and is available for purchase.



Cath and John performing with improvisation from Ian Edwards at a pool party in March 2016.

Grants News –Wetland, Nesting Boxes and Fruit Fly Action Plan

Stand on the creek side of Victoria Road just north of the Harcourt roundabout and you will be amazed to hear the frogs and the birds above the sound of the traffic from the freeway. This is the area of Barkers Creek which Harcourt Valley Landcare and Harcourt Primary School planted in the first stage of a Wetland Grant provided by the NCCMA. Landcare has been successful in gaining funding for a second stage of work in the same area. This stage of the grant will



Trevor McKay with a handful of gorse at the recent working bee.

again focus on involving students from Harcourt Valley Primary School in learning about water quality and flora and fauna associated with a creek environment. Last year's plantings by the students are holding up well.

A Nesting Box grant application has also been successful. The grant will see three nesting boxes placed at Harcourt Valley Primary School and 17 will be located in the Harcourt Flora Reserve. The boxes are of different sizes with slight design differences to suit owls, parrots, phascogales, possums etc. Miles Geldard has built the nesting boxes and will give a talk to the entire school about the project. See pages 1 and 2 for news of the Fruit Fly Action Plan.

July Working Bee

At the July working bee members tackled gorse at the Harcourt Flora Reserve. The workers also removed a small amount of rubbish. The area cleared was beside the road leading to the parking area for the Leisure Centre. A denser area of gorse remains to be removed at a future working bee.

The Flora Reserve is renowned for its wildflowers and one in early flower was spotted. It has been identified by Bonnie Humphreys (our resident plant expert) as a Tall Greenhood or *Pterostylis melagramma*. (see photo)



Ballantinia Walk Sunday August 26th

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Weather and Water

I think we would all agree that locally the weather in July was at turns windy, foggy sometimes frosty and with not quite enough rainfall.

To the 31st July our rain gauge at Reservoir Road showed a total of 55.5 ml which was a slight increase on the 47 ml received in June.

The cumulative total of rainfall for 2018 is 270.5 ml compared to 324.5 ml for the same time in 2017.

The signs for a much hoped for wet spring are not encouraging as the Bureau of Meteorology Climate Outlook Review for

August to October is for drier and warmer conditions than usual with an El Nino WATCH in place. *Source: www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks/#/overview/summary/ - Accessed August 1, 2018.*

The Bureau of Meteorology website shows that water levels in Barkers Creek Reservoir have dropped considerably - by 22% as at 19th July compared with a similar date in 2017. *Source: www.bom.gov.au/water/dashboards/#/water-storages/sites/state?storage=Barkers%20Creek Accessed August 1, 2018:*

Coliban System Levels as at August 1, 2018 are shown below. There is a slight increase in volume compared to last month.

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	30,692	81.3%	37,176	98.4%
Lauriston	19,790	15,690	79.3%	15,540	78.5%
Malmsbury	12,034	3,152	26.2%	2,282	19%
TOTAL	69,594	49,534	71.2%	54,998	79%

Source: www.coliban.com.au/site/root/water_security/reservoirs.html

Below: The eastern edge of Barkers Creek Reservoir in September 2013, which was a very wet year.



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Give young fruit trees a good start

If you've just planted new fruit trees, make sure you protect the trunks from being eaten by random animals (in Harcourt this could be rabbits, hares, kangaroos or wallabies) because they can seriously stunt or damage your tree, and if they eat the bark all the way around it can kill the tree. Tree guards, fencing or dogs can all be effective. If the problem is hares (common around Harcourt!) you can make an organic hare-deterrent paint by mixing animal fat with any strong smelling stuff like peppermint oil, garlic, lavender, eucalyptus, tea tree etc, and painting it on the bark. Hares are herbivores and don't like strong smells, so the combination works well to stop them eating the delicious tender bark on your baby trees. However it's not very permanent so you'll probably have to do it more than once.

Tree guards are a more effective (and one-off) solution. The type of tree guard you choose will depend on the type of animal you're preventing, and also the shape of the tree. If the limbs of your tree start very close to the ground (up to knee height), a tree guard just around the trunk won't be enough to protect the tree adequately, and you'll need to look at a taller structure around the whole tree. Traditionally old metal drums were used for the purpose, and you can often see the remnants of them around old fruit trees - which is one of the problems with this option, once the tree has grown, they're hard to remove! A mini-enclosure (i.e. fence) around each tree works well but is time-consuming and expensive to build if you have a lot of trees, and leads to the same problem of having a redundant enclosure that's hard to remove once the tree is mature.

So, what's the solution? There are two we recommend, and the one you choose will depend on your budget and dedication. The first is the full "repel all enemies" enclosure fence, built tall enough and engineered highly enough to keep out both kangaroos and rabbits. This is our dream solution; we wish we had one around the whole farm to exclude ALL the pests that like to eat fruit trees. The second option is much more practical and multi-purpose, and works particularly well for single trees in the garden (as opposed to a dedicated orchard area, which lends itself to the enclosure fence option). A simple hoop structure erected over the tree using star pickets and 2" poly pipe provides an affordable framework that can be used to support frost cloth, bird netting or fruit fly exclusion netting if that becomes necessary, and it can also be simply reinforced with a strip of chicken wire around the base for a year or two to stop the roos and rabbits from eating the bark.

Here are a couple of other tips to make sure your young trees get a good start in life:

- If you didn't prune them when you planted, prune now (or before spring) so they grow into a useful shape right from the get-go. We reckon a classic vase shape suits most backyard trees.
- Once the soil has started to warm up a bit, mulch the trees. Fruit trees prefer woody mulch like sawdust or wood chips, or use old straw. It's a good idea to put a layer of compost or worm castings under the mulch to make sure you're still feeding your soil microbes. Once the trees are established, they're better with a "living mulch" (or even just weeds, as long as you keep them mowed), but for the first year or two it's better to reduce any competition for water and nutrients.
- Fruit trees don't need watering in, except in very dry conditions. Even though we haven't had much rain lately, there's probably enough soil moisture and you don't need to water your trees - yet. They don't need any water until spring when the roots start to grow. Make sure you've got the irrigation set up and ready to go though, because it's not unusual to get a sudden hot spell in spring. If you've mulched, make sure you can either deliver the water under the mulch, or leave the irrigation on for long enough to be sure the mulch is really soaked and the water is getting through it to the soil below.

Happy fruit growing!

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 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.

ASQ Plant of the Month

Viburnums have long been a popular landscape shrub due to their stunning flowers and the large range of varieties available. With over 150 different varieties in the viburnum family, there is one to suit almost every garden!

Most viburnums display either white or pink flowers which grow in clusters and produce fruit which is enjoyed by birds and wildlife.

Visit ASQ Skydancers to see their range of beautiful Viburnums!



Join the play space working group

Council will be working with the community and play space experts over the next 12 months to design a district level play space for Stanley Park North. If you are passionate about play, public space and improving your local community then we would like to hear from you! The Harcourt Play Space Working Group will work with Council to listen to the ideas of the Harcourt community, and help to create a play space that meets their needs and aspirations. For more information and to obtain an application form contact Edwina Reid, Active Communities Officer, at e.reid@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or 5471 1740. Applications must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 17 August.

Plan your Seniors Festival event

Don't forget to submit your expression of interest (EOI) by 5.00pm on Friday 6 August to have your event included in the Seniors Festival celebration in October. Complete the EOI to be included in the event program, participate in the Seniors Expo or apply for an event grant. Forms are available from Castlemaine Community House (CCH), Maldon Neighbourhood Centre or online at www.cch.org.au/community/seniors-festival-2018 or call CCH on 5472 4842.

Do you need help with your tax?

Free tax advice from a trained and accredited tax help volunteer is available from Castlemaine Community House (CCH) every Thursday from August through until the end of October. The service is available for people earning up to \$60,000 per annum. To book your place contact CCH on 5472 4842.

Discount cat desexing

Council is working with Mount Alexander Animal Welfare (MAAW) and local vet clinics to provide low income earners with discounted cat de-sexing to help prevent unwanted litters. Cat owners who are healthcare card or pensioner card holders and live in the shire can pay \$50 to have their female cat de-sexed or just \$30 for a male. Vouchers are available at the Civic Centre, MAAW shelter in Castlemaine or at Maldon Pets, Castlemaine Vet Clinic and Healthy Pets.

Have your say on streetscapes

Council has updated streetscape designs for five local communities following public workshops in June. Have your say on designs for Chewton, Campbells Creek, Guildford, Newstead and Taradale. Review the draft designs and complete an online survey at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay from Monday 30 July to Sunday 12 August. View designs at various locations in each town. For more information contact the Community Partnerships Team on 5471 1700.

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	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			
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

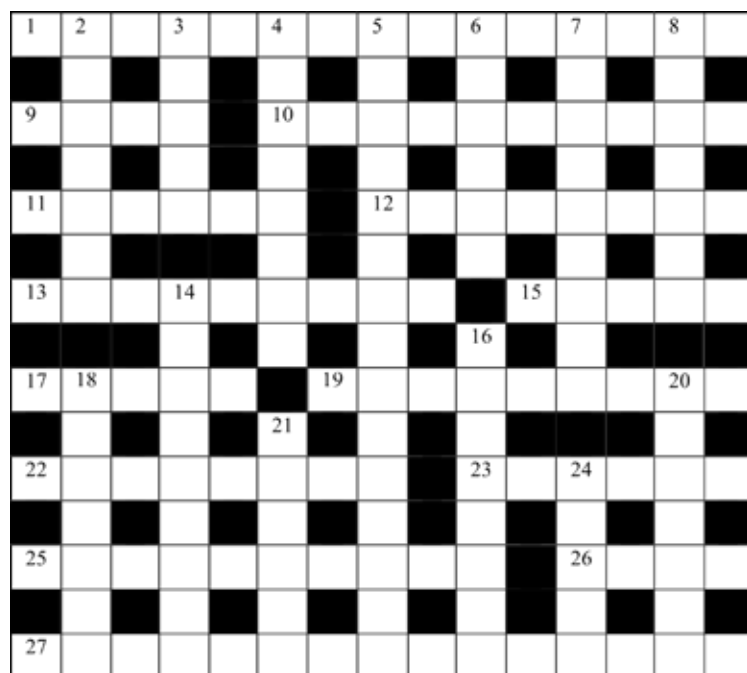


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Down:

2. Proceed with publisher's early funds. (7)
3. Deride quacker after losing one of the pair. (5)
4. Any gin? No pestering! (8)
5. I optimise bliss—I deal in self-contradictions! (15)
6. Praises previous money-box entry rising. (6)
7. Stack raft to expedite speediest departure. (4-5)
8. Precipitated thrown one, they said. (7)
14. Ups the possibility of being all over the place, but quite believable. (9)
16. Under second degree, hang around, take a sickie... (8)
18. Empty one herb into organ. (7)
20. Desuetude by oversight? (7)
21. Thirties (also 1957, 1958, 1960, 2014) blue emotion? (6)
24. Each of a dozen, less two, consumed. (5)

Across:

1. Megastar, off bike, manufactures a large, determined attempt to get back on. (5,1,3,6)
9. Keen, but retiring cantatrice. (4)
10. Of a disposition to favour nephews? (10)
11. Vim to be argued over, shockingly, by exponent of 17? (6)
12. Until gas undid them, they were showing respect to the officers. (8)
13. Teacher's tool led Prince to make a mark. (3,6)
15. A bit late to bitumen an empty day. (5)
17. No right for the reef to get in the way of this! (5)
19. Hi! Nick Jag and we'll be into Grand Theft Auto.... (9)
22. Could he use his elk in the winter games here? (8)
23. Freezer that is an enclosure? (3,3)
25. Boring pal I subject to preliminary kitchen manoeuvre. (3-7)
26. Past now passed? (4)
27. Great pile of support is not the wrongest fort... (5,2,8)

JULY Xword 20 solution

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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. [Well? "not icing"]
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. [Well?]
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 [memory]-jogger
20. One rune per cell... (7)
21. Pussy hotel [Cat Inn?] for what Major Tom was sitting in? (3,3)
24. How a small finch [serin] 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? [Well?]
12. Bashful, inert, etc. (8)
13. Where one is extremely happy include no docile nun... (5,4)
15. D[500]-packs are about a manuscript's worth... (5)
17. Martin's out of order? [Well?]
19. Positive if farming? (9)
22. Mere ills are more putrid... (8)
23. Lachrymose [tearful], 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? [Well?]

Community Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th August: 7.30pm, Carpet Bowls at Harcourt Leisure Centre

Thursday 9th August: 7.30pm Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall. Contact: Secretary 0467 670 271.

Friday 10th August: 6pm, Family Film Night, Harcourt Lions Football Club, Harcourt Leisure Centre. See details on page 10.

Sunday 19th August: 1.30pm Fireside Chat, Harcourt Heritage Centre.

Sunday 26th August: 10am Ballantinia Walk on Mount Alexander, Harcourt Valley Landcare. Contact Secretary 0467 670 271.

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

Friday 7th September: 6.30pm Harcourt Valley Landcare AGM, Goldfields Track Restaurant, meal followed by AGM.

October: CWA Concert

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.

Harcourt Lions Club: Meetings every third Friday of the month at 7.30pm at the Victorian Miniature Railway, Harmony Way. For further information, contact Di Selwood 0488 148 358.



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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.

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