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Applefest Royalty 2019



Congratulations to Rebecca Edwards and Jarrod Coote on being chosen as the Queen and King of the Applefest.

Rebecca and Jarrod made their home in Harcourt 12 years ago, returning to Rebecca's childhood area with their first baby. They now live on their 'Paddock to Plate Farm' Hillside Acres together with their sons, Hunter and Archer. Rebecca is a lawyer and has worked with Victoria Legal Aid, indigenous communities in the Kimberley region of Western Australia and lectured in law at La Trobe University, Bendigo. She is currently Principal lawyer at a Community Legal Centre which deals with Elder Abuse.

Jarrod has a background in environmental management and has also worked in the

Kimberly, as well as for the Victorian Environment Department, Connecting Country Castlemaine and he has taught at Bendigo TAFE. He is currently working with the Catchment Management Authority and the Dja Dja Wurrung. Jarrod has been a key member and office bearer in Harcourt Valley Landcare for years and has been instrumental in driving important initiatives for the group.

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DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

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



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MEMBER 2018

Australia Day 2019

Harcourt Community Member of the Year for 2018 is Loretta Rice, who was chosen because of her extensive and important contribution to our community over many years. Loretta is a Harcourt Lady Lion and for many years has served on the Australia Day barbecues. The irony is that this year she was in Western Australia visiting family when the award was announced. This is the only year she has missed being in Harcourt on Australia Day for a long time! Her daughter, Belinda Rice accepted the award on her behalf.

Loretta is a modest and quiet achiever who established the ever popular Harcourt Playgroup in the 1980s; she served on the Committee of the Mount Alexander Shire Maternal and Child Care Centre for nearly twenty four years and has been a great worker with the Harcourt and District Leisure Centre since 1983 when planning for the centre began. Loretta has assisted with the catering at the centre since its inception and is well known for her popular sponges.

She enjoys swimming nearly every day at the Harcourt Pool during the season and when the Pool was run by a local committee, Loretta was a member of that committee, until the management system for the pool changed. She is also one of the six founding members of the Harcourt Fire Brigade Ladies Auxiliary which was formed in 1976. The Auxiliary was established to raise funds for the Brigade and continued until 1996 when the CFA changed the arrangements for fundraising and catering. Prior to the triple zero emergency number being created every local Fire Brigade had a phone number which had to be staffed and the Rice family phone was on the list to respond to emergency calls.

The area around the CFA is known as the Bridge Street reserve. When the Shire set up a committee to assist in the management of the area, Loretta volunteered and served until it was dissolved. Loretta has been a keen carpet bowls participant and is currently Secretary of the association. Since the inception of The Core she has been a regular reporter and has kept the community up to date with the carpet bowls competition season and results. She has represented the club in State Championships and was the Singles Champion in 2013. Another of her interests is collecting milk bottles and Loretta shows her vast collection when the Mt Alexander Vintage Engine Club has displays – and yes Loretta is a member of this club as well! In recent years Loretta has taken on a new role at the Heritage Centre and every Wednesday she assists to enter data into the computer to build the digitised historical records of the Centre.

To cap off all this community involvement, Loretta is also a Justice of the Peace, a position she was appointed to in 1991 and she carries out this position with great diligence. It is possible to call on Loretta at any time of the day to ask her to perform this important role.

*With thanks to Jan Jenkin
who supplied this information.*



The Harcourt Lions once again hosted a successful Australia Day breakfast and Awards Ceremony in Stanley Park. The crowd was a little down this year; perhaps the lure of a long weekend away was the reason. The gathering having enjoyed the free breakfast, Katrina Victor-Gordon as MC announced that Loretta Rice is the Community Member of the Year for 2019. Her daughter Belinda Rice accepted the award presented by Deputy Mayor, Tony Cordy. George Milford addressed the crowd on the Australian character and used a large pile of 'doorstop sized' books about Australian heroes and villains for inspiration. Melva Graham read an amusing poem with a traditional Australian theme, which resulted in giggles all round. While Advance Australia Fair was played the Australian flag was raised by Grant Victor-Gordon. Katrina concluded the formalities with thanks to members of the Harcourt Football Club who assisted with the barbecue alongside Lions members.



Left to right: Katrina Victor-Gordon, Belinda Rice, Tony Cordy, George Milford and Melva Graham.

Applefest: Free Pool Entry all Day and Pool Party for Children 3pm–6pm

The pool will be hosting fun activities for children on the day of Applefest. Come on down to the pool between 3pm and 6pm and take part in:

- Scavenger Hunt
- Face Painting
- Giant Jenga
- Giant Connect 4
- Games & Races

The talented team from YMCA Children's Services will be on hand to engage children of all ages in fun games and challenges. There will be giveaways to children attending.

Applefest meeting dates are:

Monday 4th February, 7.30 pm ANA Hall/Heritage Centre
Monday 18th February, 7.30 pm ANA Hall/Heritage Centre
Monday 25th February, 7.30 pm ANA Hall/Heritage Centre
Monday 4th March, 7.30 pm ANA Hall/Heritage Centre

The last meeting (March 4th) is important for all volunteers to attend as it is the meeting at which all volunteers are familiarised with the Emergency Management Plan for the actual day.



Harcourt Progress Association

Harcourt Progress Association has a full calendar of events for locals and visitors to enjoy in the coming months – details of these will be announced closer to time. Give our town and the association a boost - become a member, assist at events, join the committee or sign up for a working bee on the freeway roundabout.

Coming Events

HPA Meeting and Community BBQ

Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Harcourt Pool with the YMCA and Heritage Centre on Thursday February 13th from 7–9 pm. All welcome.

Roundabout Working Bee

On Sunday February 17th join us from 8 am to 10 am to carry out watering and weeding. Park and meet in Station Street and BYO gloves, hand tools and watering cans if possible. Morning tea will be provided. For more information, contact Sha on 0422 206 361.

Harcourt Twilight Market Returns for 2019!

After the great success of the first two markets, the Harcourt Twilight Market returns on the 4th Saturday of every month. Upcoming dates include Saturday February 23rd, Saturday March 23rd and Saturday April 27th. Volunteers are needed to help set up the market and to assist selling raffle tickets and working at the HPA stall.

For more information contact Jacqueline on 0425 323 005.

Harcourt Applefest

This year's Applefest is on Saturday March 9th and we are always on the lookout for more volunteers to assist on the day or in the lead up to the event. Contact Sha on 0422 206 361, if you can lend an hour or two.

Harcourt Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt returns to the Oak Forest on Sunday April 21st. This is a great family day of fun, frolicking, music, mayhem and of course – chocolate! We are expecting this year's event to be bigger than ever so more helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jacqueline on 0425 323 005 if you can assist.

HPA Annual General Meeting: Sunday 5th May

Join us in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Harcourt Pool on Wednesday 13th February



Harcourt Opening day December 1st 1928

Sir Harry Lawson stands on the diving board as he declares the pool open. (He had just been elected a Senator). The pool was located at the North West corner of Market Streets and Eagles Road.

- Join the HPA, the Harcourt Heritage Centre and the Bendigo Regional YMCA as we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Harcourt Swimming Pool.
- BBQ dinner provided, all welcome; Wednesday 13th February 7pm–9pm
- The Heritage Centre will have a historical display of photos, newspaper clippings and artefacts documenting nearly a century of public swimming in the centre of Harcourt.
- Do you have any materials you can contribute or stories you can share?
- Contact George Milford on 5474 2426.



Some of the first swimmers in the pool on opening day. The dirt road running behind the pool is Eagles Road. Mount Alexander appears in the background of both these photos.



Harcourt Valley Primary School

Principal, Andrew Blake welcomed all students and staff to the commencement of the school year on Thursday 31 January. He especially welcomed 19 Grade Prep students; to date student enrolments stand at 113.



Mr Blake touched on the school principles of Resilience, Integrity, Respect and Responsibility and congratulated a number of the older students for meeting and greeting some of the Preps without being asked to. He noted a number of events and activities to occur in Term 1 including the Applefest at which all students will have art work displayed, the State Festival, a visit to Sovereign Hill for Grades 1 to 6 and sports activities, including swimming, basketball and some Physical Education, based on netball and Australian Rules football. Happy Birthday was sung by everyone to students and staff who had recently had a birthday.

Adults interested in assisting with the Reading Program which takes place on Wednesday mornings are asked to contact the school on 5474 2266 or come to the school office which faces Wilkinson Street.

Grade 6 Graduation 2018

At the graduation of the Grade 6 students on Monday December 17th, Principal Andrew Blake congratulated the students on their achievements and told them, 'You are well equipped to succeed and I want to thank the teachers and parents for assisting to nurture you as citizens of the future.'

Veronica Budnikas, School Council President said she had known most of the students since Grade 2. She wished them well in their move to a new school community and said, 'You should spread your wings and if ever you need any support or guidance or someone to talk to, we are here, we've got your back. Embrace the future, it's all yours.'

The afternoon ceremony was to be followed at night by a dinner with the students, their parents and staff. At both functions the students were required to give a speech, so the afternoon served as practice for this challenging task. All succeeded, somewhat nervously to deliver well prepared speeches to their appreciative audience.

Graduating students and their speech topics are listed below:

- **Stephen Bird:** Sport
- **Ruben Christie:** Community partnership
- **Hunter Coote:** Landcare activities at the school
- **Hannah Daffy:** Leadership
- **Georgia Freeman:** Camp experiences
- **Charlotte Holland-Teed:** Teaching curriculum and learning
- **Brionee Unthank:** Excursions
- **Megan Wilson:** Teachers and students

After the speeches, the CWA which participates in the reading program every Wednesday morning presented awards to Stephen Bird and Megan Wilson for 'approaching all activities with 100% effort'. Judi Kent, who presented the awards, spoke of the importance of books and reading. 'You can't beat a good book. Books inspire!' she said.

The afternoon concluded with a power point presentation, prepared by Mr Watkins, of the students in their many activities during the year. This was followed by afternoon tea enjoyed by students and their families and staff.



Grade 6 students who completed their schooling at Harcourt Valley Primary School in 2018

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Harcourt Uniting Church

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy a break from routine over the Christmas/New Year season. I enjoy the 'lack of meetings' in January!

We were sorry to see our minister Rev Michele Lees move to her new appointment in Echuca mid-2018, however, for the last 6 months we have enjoyed the vibrant 'supply' ministry of Rev Bruce Gallacher, a retired minister living in Newbridge.

On December 30th we enjoyed a combined service at Yandoit with the Rev Bruce leading his last service with us. Bruce reminded us to always remember to 'put on love' - a great message for us all to apply to our lives.

Some members of our congregation travelled to Melbourne on Jan 20th to a service where the Rev Sarah Tomlinson was ordained into the Uniting Church and will take up her first placement in our Castlemaine and District Parish in February. We look forward to her Induction Service in Castlemaine Uniting Church on February 15th.

As part of the recent Newstead Live Festival an Interfaith Church Service was held. As the title suggests there were people from many faiths taking part in the service along with some beautiful singing and the magical sounds of a harpist.



At the Newstead Live Festival members of many faiths took part in the Interfaith Service which parishioners from Harcourt attended.

You may have noticed that we now have a colour bond fence on the south side of the Church. While a few of us were clearing the bushes in preparation for the fence we tried to pull out the roots of an old rose bush however it was a little larger than we anticipated so a ute was needed to complete the job!! This was a real photo opportunity.

A reminder that we meet at Harcourt Uniting Church is Buckley Street every Sunday at 9 am and all are most welcome to join us.

Jan Jenkin



This very old rose bush proved a challenge when clearing the way for the new fence at the church.



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Harcourt CFA

H is for Harcourt & H is for Hot

January saw an increase in daily temperatures across Victoria and some extreme hot weather days occurred in Harcourt that also saw Total Fire Bans (TFBs) declared for the whole of the state. There were also occasions when TFBs were declared for only some weather districts. The important thing to note is that the Harcourt Valley sits in two different weather districts. When you are in the Shire of Mount Alexander, you are in the North Central weather district but when you cross over to The City of Greater Bendigo, you are then in Northern Country. Friday the 25th of January was one of the extreme hot weather days that resulted in the power needs of the state exceeding the available generation capacity for that day. This resulted in some areas being shut off from the power grid. This of course is not an ideal situation but also highlights the need to do a review of your Fire Plan with this possibility in mind. In major bushfires, power supply is also one of the first things to fail which also should be incorporated into your fire plan to ensure it will 'stand up' if you chose to 'stay and defend'.

Recent Brigade Activity

During the December/January period, the brigade has attended a mix of 10 incidents. The main ones being the Ammonia Gas Leak at Don KR (which commenced at approximately 10.15 pm and our tanker returned at 5.30 am the next day) and our tanker with crew going to the Benloch fire on day two as part of the Mount Alexander

Group Brigades Strike Team. This involved mopping up and blacking out the fire edge 50 metre in to secure the containment lines. Many tankers and aircraft had done a fabulous job in bringing it under control the previous day but the job is not finished until the last smouldering stump has been extinguished. The lightning event on the morning of Sunday 30th December started two fires. The first on the side of the Calder Freeway just North of Gaasch's Road overpass and the second, which required a bit more work and hose, was below the Dog Rocks area on Mount Alexander. We were supported by our southern neighbouring brigades in the fire suppression onsite with water supply, hose and personnel which resulted in a quicker return to station and further tankers were coming in support but were not required.

The recent crash of one of the Erickson Sky Cranes at the Jericho fire highlights the many dangers involved with fighting fires. If your fire plan is to 'Stay and Defend', make sure you are well prepared for what you may have to deal with and what you will experience. Talk to a Brigade member if you want to know more. Otherwise the safest action to take is to leave early.

Stay Cool and Stay Safe. Continue to be vigilant and let's aim for a FIRE FREE FEBRUARY.

Tyrone rice
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator



The reasons are black and white

There's no questioning the facts. Bushfires can start quickly and threaten lives within minutes. When it comes to fire, what you need to do is black and white. Check Fire Danger Ratings in your district daily, and monitor conditions.

Most bushfire deaths happen close to home, so on high-risk fire days, leaving early, before a fire starts, is always the safest option.

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How to get access to the Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP)

Place of Last Resort:

If your 'Stay and defend' plan does fail and you are left with the option of heading to our **Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) – Place of Last Resort** which is **the stadium of the Harcourt Valley Primary School on the Mills Road** side of the school; do you know what to expect when you get there?

To obtain the key code for access to our Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of last resort, you need to call Victoria Police (Castlemaine) or Mount Alexander Shire.

The phone numbers and the message above are posted by the key security box at the main entrance to the building. You will require a mobile phone to do this, so if the situation does occur, it is vital that you do not leave your phone behind in the rush to get away from your property.

Neighbourhood Safer Place (NSP) – Place of Last Resort

The following information is posted outside the building which is also important to know and understand.

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BEFORE DECIDING TO HEAD TOWARDS, OR ENTER THIS NSP IN THE EVENT OF A BUSHFIRE, BE AWARE THAT

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- **TRAVELLING TO THIS NSP WHEN THERE IS A BUSHFIRE CAN BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL BE SAFE DOING SO**
- **THIS NSP MAY NOT PREVENT DEATH OR INJURY FROM FIRE, EMBERS OR RADIANT HEAT WHEN YOU GET HERE**
- **YOU SHOULD ONLY USE THIS NSP WHEN YOUR PRIMARY BUSHFIRE PLAN HAS FAILED OR CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED**
- **THIS NSP ONLY HAS LIMITED CAPACITY**
- **THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT CFA OR OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS NSP DURING A BUSHFIRE**
- **NO FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUDING THOSE NEEDING MEDICAL ATTENTION**
- **THIS NSP MAY BE UNCOMFORTABLE AND NO AMENITIES SUCH AS FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED**
- **THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR ANIMALS**

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NOTE: If you need to ring this number, you may speak to a call taker or you may get a recorded message.

So as you can see, it is a place of last resort only and your fire plan needs to consider the safer option of leaving early.



Chatting with CWA

CWA offers two great prizes in Applefest Raffle

Hello everyone, lovely to be back with you again. We hope that you are all staying cool and safe and wish you all the best for 2019.

Before I launch into the goings on for 2019, I'll take you back to December last year when it was our pleasure to be invited to present the CWA Encouragement Awards to a graduating girl and boy who had best upheld the core values of the Harcourt Valley Primary School - respect, integrity and commitment.

Our Treasurer, Judi Kent is seen here presenting the 2018 awards to Megan Wilson and Stephen Bird. Principal Andrew Blake and his staff must be so proud of the eight graduating students, and we wish them all the very best for their future.



Judi Kent presents the 2018 CWA prizes to Megan Wilson and Stephen Bird.

When I joined the Harcourt Branch thirteen years ago I was in awe of the skills and talents shown by its members. Whether it was knitting, sewing, quilt making, crocheting, scone making, sponge making, every slice imaginable making, photography, painting, poetry, flower arranging or making the most amazing sets and costumes for our various concerts, there is nothing these ladies wouldn't or couldn't do. Therefore we were delighted when local artist Jenny Steiner joined our Branch two years ago because, like all our ladies, Jenny has her own special talent.

Jenny moved to Barkers Creek from Melbourne two years ago and immediately joined Harcourt CWA. She felt that this would be a way of contributing to her new community and getting to know like-minded people within it. Jenny is an artist and works in multiple media including slumped glass, timber, metal and bronze. She mostly works on a commission basis creating large public artworks such as her statue of Mary MacKillop, 'Still With Us in Spirit', outside the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. Do yourself a favour when next in Bendigo and go and see this exquisite work.

When Jenny offered to provide one of the prizes for the annual CWA raffle at Applefest, we were very excited and, even more so, when we saw the magnificent hand-crafted bird bath she had offered. It stands some 900mm tall on a merbau post with solid stainless steel fittings and a 6mm slumped glass top.

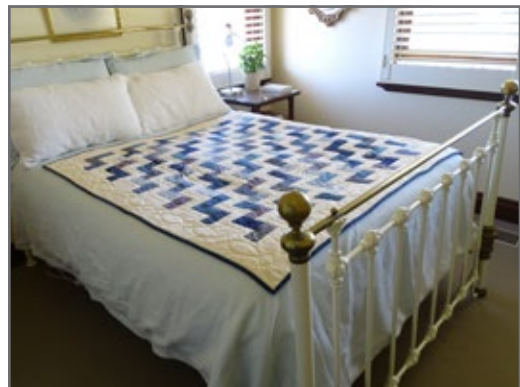
I am seen here standing beside this magnificent work of art to give you an indication of its size. Raffle tickets will be available

in the coming weeks from your CWA friend or neighbour, or you can buy your ticket at Applefest on March 9 at the CWA stall. The raffle will be drawn on the day.



Jenny Steiner's beautiful bird bath.

And of, course, for the quilt connoisseurs out there, we will also be raffling another of Robyn McConville's magnificent quilts. Robyn makes such beautiful quilts and then donates them to our Branch to be raffled at Applefest - a wonderful fundraiser indeed. This year it is a single bed quilt in blue tones but, as you can see here, it looks really lovely on a double bed too. The measurements are 1280 mm by 1400 mm.



Yet another superb Robyn McConville quilt.

So you can see that we are pretty excited to be able to offer not one, but two exquisite works of art for you to win at Applefest this year. As far as raffles go, they don't get much better than this.

As I write this, it is 44C on my back verandah. Our country of study this year is Iceland! Bring it on...

We are in for a great year so please come and join us at 1:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month for friendship, community service and a bit of a laugh.

*Lyn Rule
Publicity Officer
Harcourt CWA.*

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'There's only a short timeframe for the applications, so go online now to apply for a grant. Your group might only need a small grant for a project – such as new books, tools, equipment or a defib machine. Or funding for something bigger such as shade sails, water tanks, help with an event or festival, training for volunteers or new heating for your clubrooms. Dream big or small to help your group and the community.'

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The 20th Birthday Community Grants applications and information are online through the Community Enterprise Foundation (CEF). Apply online at www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au.

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Aftermath – After Black Saturday

Readers may remember a story on the ABC filming part of this documentary in Harcourt which had a working title of 'After the Firestorm'. The article and photo were in the September 2018 edition of The Core.

John Munday and Cath Scott featured in the original documentary titled: 'Into the Firestorm' and they, like other survivors of Black Saturday, have been followed up in the anniversary documentary ten years later.

The one hour documentary's ultimate title is 'Aftermath – After Black Saturday' and it was broadcast on Sunday 3rd February at 7.40pm.

John and Cath made new lives for themselves here in Harcourt, part of their renewal has been to join together to compose and sing some of their own songs as well as doing covers of popular



music. They recently performed at the Harcourt Bowls Club much to the enjoyment of those attending the 2018 Christmas Dinner.

After Black Saturday they wrote the following poignant song 'Spark'.

Spark ©

If I'd never walked the hot coals
I wouldn't be here now
Steel tempered in the fire
Earth gouged with plough

Sparks flying from the furnace
Spreading fire and pain
You can't see my scars
But I'm forever changed

The path I have travelled
Watch it unravel
Brought me here to you
Never would have met
Our fate was set
Spark came to renew (repeat)

What doesn't kill me
Makes me stronger
I'm going to love you
Better and longer
I'm not frightened of a
Brand new day
We burnt the past away (repeat)

John Munday & Cath Scott

New name, same excellent service!

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Business Update

Goldfields Track Cafe

Goldfields Track Café owner Donna McMahon is excited to announce their new opening hours. Starting Monday 18 February the Harcourt café will be opening 7 days a week from 6 am Monday to Friday. Donna explains, 'This early weekday opening time will cater to tradies and people commuting to work. Also, families that need to grab last minute school lunches will have fresh and healthy options.'

The varied menu will include fresh sandwiches, wraps, salads, pastries, coffee, home-made cakes, slices and muffins. Plus, they have a simple breakfast menu that people can have on the go or to eat in.

Thursdays will be a Locals Night, starting on 21 February with Pasta Night, then Curry Night, Burger Night and Parma Night in the following weeks. Vegetarian and gluten free will be catered for.

See the Goldfields Track Café ad on this page for information pertaining to all the new opening hours. Friday and Saturday night will feature their regular delicious dinner menu.

Donna says, 'We are trialling these changes to provide better choices for our customers and hope that we remain trading 7 days. In turn, this will create more job opportunities for local people.'

Pop in and say hi to Donna and her friendly team at Goldfields Track Café on Harmony Way, Harcourt. Bookings can be made by phoning 5462 5514 or 0418 138 101 or email donna@gtcafe.com.au



Harcourt Valley
LANDCARE



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Saturday 23 Feb 2019

Learn about QFF, how to make your own QFF traps and how to monitor them.

QFF are getting closer to Harcourt and they will destroy your fruits and vegetables.

10 people per workshop, with random prizes for attendees.

Workshops will run at 4.15 pm, 5.15 pm, 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

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News from Harcourt Bowling Club

PENNANT NEWS

All Divisions in Weekend and Midweek Pennant have stepped up a notch since the Christmas break so we are hopeful of a berth or two in the finals series late February and into March. Weekend Division three players are still hurting from their Grand Final result last year so we expect them to feature again this year.

Christmas Breakup

The Club Christmas function was great fun and well attended. Members, their partners and friends enjoyed a wonderful feast and many sang and danced the night away to music provided by Summer Rain.



Sponsor's Night – February

The final of the Sponsor's Challenge will be held on Tuesday 19th February. There is still scope for other contenders to knock off current leaders ASQ, so it should be a good night.

Barefoot Bowls and Barbies

Barefoot Bowls has resumed and will continue fortnightly on the dates listed below. To help with arrangements please put your names on the list on the board at the club and arrive before 5.30 to allow time to put the teams together, find bowls etc to allow for a 6 pm start. Everyone is most welcome!

Barefoot Bowls Dates -

- Tuesday February 12th
- Tuesday February 26th
- Tuesday March 12th
- Tuesday March 26th - the Final one for the year

The Social Committee extends a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to join us on these fun nights – you will be made very welcome.

Fortnightly Friday Foodies

The new initiative of having a meal on a Friday each fortnight this season has proved so successful we have engaged the services of a new Chef. Ossie is offering a choice between 2 meals for the low price of \$12.50. Names and selection need to be in at the club by Wednesday evening – the list and the menu for each fortnight will be in the cupboard outside the Clubhouse. ALL WELCOME



Runner-up Grahame Hill congratulates Tony Olsson.

Club Singles Championships

The two Club Champions for this season are Tony Olsson and Heather Braid. Runners Up were Graeme Hill and Judi Miles. Both Heather Braid and Tony Olsson represented the Club at the subsequent District Singles Championships. Tony was knocked out after the first round despite a determined effort. Heather won her first and second rounds with a display of good bowling and sheer tenacity. She was unable to secure a win in the semi-final round which was played over 30 ends. It was a mighty effort of 72 ends of bowls in blistering heat.

Club Championships Still in Play

In between games of pennant the women and men bowlers are busy in the greens playing off in the various Club Championships. The 100-Up Championship is now underway and will be completed by April. The Nominated Pairs is also going along well. To add to the mix this year



Judi Miles & Heather Braid

we have a new initiative – **the Harcourt 100** – which will see the women and men playing against each other for a change – now that should be interesting!

Men's Invitation Fours Tournament Sunday 3rd February

The Annual Men's Fours Tournament list is filling up so should be another success. Results will be in March edition.

Ladies Invitation Fours Tournament Sunday Thursday 14th February

The Annual Ladies Fours Tournament is also in February. Results of this Tournament will also be in the March edition.

Grant Mixed Pairs Tournament – Sunday 24th February

Another important date on the Club calendar is the Grant Mixed Pairs Tournament which is popular within the Club and will be strongly contested. Results of this Tournament will also be in the March edition.



Tony Olsson receives the Pin from President Russell Maltby

What's On At The Bowling Club

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

- **Friday February 1st** – Friendly Friday Foodies
- **Sunday February 3rd** – Men's Invitation Fours Tournament
- **Tuesday February 12th** – Barefoot Bowls
- **Thursday February 14th** – Ladies Invitation Fours Tournament
- **Friday February 15th** – Friendly Friday Foodies
- **Tuesday February 19th** – Sponsor's Challenge
- **Sunday February 24th** – Grant Mixed Pairs Tournament
- **Monday February February 25th** – Midweek Pennant Semi finals
- **Tuesday February 26th** – Barefoot Bowls
- **Friday March 1st** – Friendly Friday Foodies
- **Saturday March 2nd** – Weekend Pennant Semi finals
- **Monday March 4th** – Midweek Pennant Preliminary finals
- **Thursday March 7th** – Midweek Pennant Grand Final

UNDER 15'S JUNIOR NETBALL



Harcourt Football Netball Club still have a couple of places available in their under 15's netball side for season 2019.

If you or anyone you know is 15 or under and keen to join a friendly group of girls we train on Thursday nights and play at 10.30am on Saturday's in the MCDNFL league.

For more information feel free to message our under 15's coach Rachael Fabbri or if you prefer give her a call on 0498 960 701.



Young Travellers Contribute to Harcourt's Economy

Readers may not be aware, but Harcourt is often visited by young travellers who come here to find work on farms, orchards and wineries, especially in the picking seasons. Some exchange their work for accommodation and food, others are paid for their work and find accommodation and transport as needed.

I met Dana and Rafael from the South Tyrol of Italy who were in Harcourt in the spring and early summer of 2018 on a working holiday in Australia. They were living and working on a nearby farm and also working in Castlemaine part-time.

I asked them about their home lives and their backgrounds and was surprised to learn that the South Tyrol was once part of Germany. It is mountainous and at the 'top' of Italy; the South Tyrol butts up against Austria and Switzerland.

Both Rafael and Dana are multilingual, speaking German as their home language, as well as Italian and English. For 69% of those who live in the South Tyrol, German is their main language and German culture and traditions are held dear and are maintained.

In the midst of the warmth of an Australian spring it was difficult to imagine the snow, rainfall and flooding being experienced in their part of the world at that time. Both were brought up in small villages, but Dana now lives in a larger town with a cathedral overseen by a bishop. Social life revolves around the church and the more important the town, the larger the church. Both attend church regularly and Rafael and most of the men wear the traditional lederhosen (short leather pants with a bib and brace arrangement) on Sundays. Dana said, 'My grandmother goes to the church in the hospital where she stays.' Rafael added that his grandparents attend church up to three or four times a week. Rafael also said, 'I volunteer most weekends. Once a week I am rostered in the ambulance and I am in the Fire Brigade. In my village there are about 1500 people and I estimate that 650 of those volunteer in some way.'

They were both very proud of their heritage and told how difficult it was for their grandparents when their part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire was annexed after World War I. Suddenly they found they were part of Italy but were not welcome.*

In 1939 because of continuing tensions between the introduced German population and the Italians of the Tyrol, Germans were given a choice to go to Germany or to stay. This led to deep divisions within their own people, and the majority of those who went to Germany perished. Relations between the Italians and Germans in the Tyrol slowly improved and in the 1970s the South Tyrol was made an autonomous area of Italy. The majority of the taxes raised stay in the Tyrol, and as a result, the region is one of the most economically well off in Italy.

The German language and culture now survive strongly with a mingled 'twist' of Italian culture. The south Tyrol has a mix of laws – laws for the European Union, Italian Federal Law and specific laws which give them certain rights and protections because of the region's unique history.

Dana related how her mother works with refugees, mostly from Africa, who move from the south of Italy right through to the north in an attempt to get to Germany. At the time of our interview, Austria was stopping refugees at its border.



Every town in the Tyrol (and possibly the rest of Italy) has to take in a proportion of refugees as a ratio of their population. Dana reported some issues which we in Australia will find unfortunately familiar: there are problems assessing 'genuine' refugees, and there is fear due to cultural differences and other social and economic issues. However, it is apparent that Italy, as part of the EU, is making a genuine effort to assist refugees as they arrive in the country.

By profession Rafael is employed as a boilermaker; the company specialises in water, fuel and other pressurised tanks. When they return to Italy, Dana will be starting her university studies.

They were enjoying their stay, and our weather, and were enthusiastically looking forward to the rest of their trip, and were planning to drive the Great Ocean Road, see Uluru, the Barrier Reef and the other main tourist attractions in Australia.

Robyn Miller

* Google was consulted for these sections as the area has a long and complex history going back to pre-Roman times. Even Napoleon had a go at attacking the Italian states via the Tyrol. During World War II, Mussolini built a defensive wall with gun emplacements along the greater length of the Tyrolean border.



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Dry Zones

The book 'Dry Zones – Planning and the Hangovers of the Liquor Licensing History' will be officially launched on February 8th at the historic Temperance Hall in South Melbourne. This book will be launched by Emeritus Professor Graeme Davison AO, a prominent historian, advisor and commentator on museums, heritage and urban policy.

The author, Dr Elizabeth Taylor, has many local connections, being a descendant of the Wilkinson, Lupton and Normington families, pioneers of Harcourt. Dr Taylor is a Research Fellow in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies at RMIT University Melbourne. Her parents, Len and Judy Taylor, who reside in Ballarat, grew up, and attended school, in Castlemaine.

In researching the book, Dr Taylor utilized the archives of Harcourt Heritage Centre to provide examples of the long, strident and ever-changing role of local opinion in the granting of hotel licenses. Harcourt had a colourful history in this regard. Harcourt Heritage Centre volunteers feel rewarded for their behind-the-scenes work when an academic can make such good use of the files of the C H James collection. The manner in which hotel licences were approved (and later forfeited) for Harcourt's 'Talbot Hotel', 'Live & let Live', and 'Old England' has been used to illustrate what is otherwise a fairly technical research paper.

Just now the topic of Municipal Planning for alterations to land use and housing density in Harcourt is becoming a primary focus of Mount Alexander Shire. It is of interest to learn, through Dr Taylor's research, of the influence of the debate over alcohol on early zoning ideas. The concept of democratic controls on 'undesirable' businesses grew out of the wish of local temperance groups to be heard in what might otherwise have been considered a matter for State Government policy and regulation.

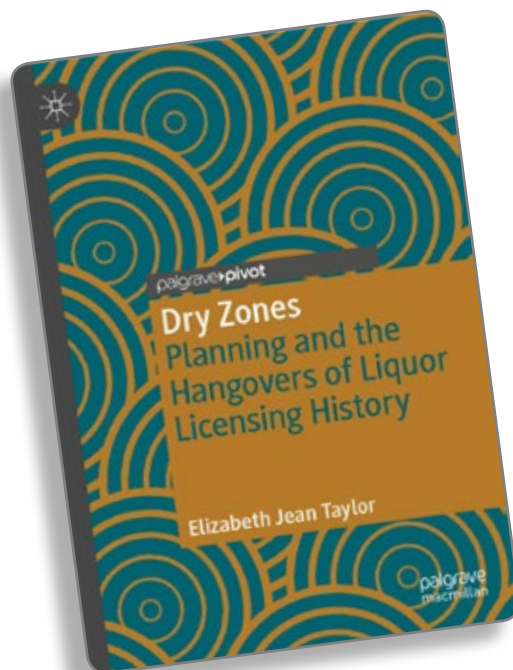
Dr Taylor identifies the change in State law that has given a greater voice to local residents concerned about proposed Planning decisions. The role of 'objectors,' the local polls of the early 20th century, recognition of the idea of 'residential amenity', the granting of 'zoning' powers to municipal councils and the practice of formal 'consultation' have all been part of the growth of residents' rights. The author points out that conflicts over polluting industries, live music venues, packaged liquor outlets and fast food restaurants all bear the same characteristics as the debates over liquor licensing in the 'temperance era'. The controversy over the unsuccessful proposals of the Maryborough Highland Society to introduce poker machines to Castlemaine bears all the features of early debate over alcohol.

Does the executive government in Spring St, Melbourne, have a greater say than those who want their voice to be heard on local zoning? The book 'Dry Zones' explores the tensions between localism and centralism, between business proprietors and local objectors, weighing the rights of the local community as distinct from the policies of the central government.

Dr Taylor reminds us of our communal memory of the eighteenth-century use of alcohol and its experience of alcohol-related violence. The book opens with an example of a violent incident fueled by liquor. It points out that the three major pubs in Harcourt were closed by 1922. Past people, ideas and politics are remembered across the generations. Liquor licensing controls of a past era have been inherited and re-enacted in current 'zoning' and 'town planning' policy, practice, debates and problems.

Dr Taylor has argued her case convincingly. She deserves congratulations on the immense body of research that she has undertaken. It is likely that folk in the State Planning Dept are careful to consult her published works when it comes to reviewing the law relating to planning, zoning and liquor or gaming licensing. The book will strengthen the arm of those who want to have a say on local issues.

George Milford for Harcourt Heritage Centre.



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Councillor Comment

Hi all,

I hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. I am sure 2019 will be a good year although I must admit the hot weather is testing

us. One beneficiary of the hot weather is our local pools. They are a real community hub during the summer months.

As you will be aware Council has been talking to the local community and collecting feedback about the future development of Harcourt in the process called Plan Harcourt. It will be great to see what flows from that process during the year ahead. The last consultation session in Stage One took place on January 18th at the Goldfields Track Café. By June, Plan Harcourt will be released for further public consultation and it is expected that after feedback, the Plan will be in place by the end of 2019.



Council officers discuss points of interest with Harcourt locals in the Plan Harcourt consultation in January.

As part of my role as a Councillor I have been representing Council on the La Larr Ba Gauwa Mountain Bike Park Committee. The Committee has had a number of resignations over the past few months. For those interested there will be opportunities to get involved with the Committee of this important community facility.

Wesley Hill Recreation Reserve is another fine example of what can be achieved when Council works together with the local community. The new change rooms at are now open and the lights at the Doug Powell Oval are progressing well; I look forward to seeing our junior sports hub in full swing when the lights are complete.

Council will be back in full swing with our local Australia Day community events. Hopefully we continue to get good numbers and interest in celebrating everything that is Australian. How fortunate we are to live here. At Council we will be working hard over the next few months on the 2019/2020 budget. That is always an interesting time. Please feel free to contact me if you have any great ideas for our community.

Best regards to all, Tony.

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Victorian Miniature Railway

Steaming Ahead

Chatting with Colin Mierisch on a Sunday morning at the Victorian Miniature Railway is an eye opening experience – he can rattle off facts and figures such as dimensions, weights and lengths with great ease. We talked about the proposed track which is to be 2 kms long and will rest on sleepers of recycled plastic made in Mildura; the steel tracks are manufactured in Switzerland. Each metre of a single piece of steel track weighs 3.2 kg; a track is made using two steel lengths of 6.2 m. The track has to be able to bear considerable weight, for example one of the train engines, ‘The Loco’ weighs 1 tonne. The total weight of the steel required for the completed track is 26 tonne; the second order of the track has been placed; the process from manufacture to delivery to the docks in Melbourne takes four months.



Last year the VCAL students from Castlemaine Secondary College completed assembly of the majority of the available materials, to complete these impressive piles of track. Some of the track is curved; the gentler the curve, the less wear and tear occurs on the flanges of the wheels of the train.

Colin is also a member of the Australian Antiquarian Horological Society. (Horology is the study and measurement of time and also the art of making clocks and watches.) Harcourt’s miniature railway will have a station which is a scaled miniature of the Maryborough (Victoria) Railway Station. The clock tower complete with clock, will be 10.894 metres high. Colin is able to provide the timepiece for the station because members of the society each with a specialist skill cooperated to make every necessary movement for the clock.

Colin took me on an extensive tour of the site, indicating the track laying and cuttings, the areas of rock which have proved difficult to remove, interesting features of the site and the fabulous views to be had. Eventually visitors will be able to ride 2kms of track with side stops to take in views of Mount Alexander, the township, Vick’s Viaduct and the Bendigo to Melbourne train line. The car park has been cut and levelled and there is another level on the block called the ‘Display Area’ where the group envisages being able to invite other special interest clubs to exhibit collections of vintage cars, engines and the like.



There is much work to be done, but with the enthusiasm being demonstrated by the members of the group led by Colin’s son and President of VMR Andrew Mierisch, they will succeed. The next stage of the project is the construction of the station building where it is expected the VCAL students from Castlemaine Secondary College will, under supervision, be able to assist and learn basic trade skills.

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Farm Shop

The Harcourt Organic Farming Co-op Farm shop is now open Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am-1 pm and is located at 69 Dann's Road.

The Core visited and caught up with Mel and Sass from Gung-Hoe Growers and Ant Wilson of Tellurian Fruit Gardens. They are cooperating to provide weekly vegie boxes with added fruit - yum!



Linnet Good collects her weekly vegie box with added fruit from Ant Wilson. Linnet also headed off into the orchard to pick cling peaches which she preserves by bottling.

Customers can also self-select from a range of in season beautiful fresh fruit and vegetables and other goodies from the Farm shop. Right now peaches and plums are in season; the last of the apricots are still also available but are nearly finished.

There's a yellow flag to mark the entrance. If you haven't visited before, it's really worth it; there is a long winding drive way with a great view when you get to the top. The view on the way down is worth it too; you'll see fantastic cloudscapes on many days. And you'll go away with that warm feeling that you have supported a local business and bought yourself some really healthy food.



Ant hand sorting Angelina plums.

Top Tips For January

Happy New Year everyone.

Have you picked any fruit this summer? We hope you've had a wildly successful harvest of summer fruit like apricots, cherries, peaches, nectarines and plums, with loads of apples and pears still to come. Unfortunately, as we know only too well, it doesn't always work out so well!

Trying to grow fruit in nature alongside birds, earwigs, beetles, possums, kangaroos—and now with the added threat of fruit fly, sometimes means we end up sharing our crop. This year we've seen the return of the dreaded (though admittedly beautiful) musk lorikeets to the district, which can cause rapid destruction to any fruit crop. They're not a natural fruit eater, so their appearance is always a sign of drought in their native feeding grounds.

It's a great time of year to be closely monitoring your trees, so try to visit them at least once a week to say g'day. You'll notice whether they're getting enough water and whether the fruit's almost ripe, and it gives you a better chance of catching the culprit if something's having a nibble on the fruit, which will help you figure out how to prevent it!

Here are our top three tips for January:

1. If you still have fruit on your trees, it's not too late to net - and even a simple drape net provides at least some protection from hail damage and can really help prevent damage from birds, particularly cockies. Smaller and more persistent birds like musk lorikeets and other parrots may need a net that goes all the way to the ground and is secured.
2. We've had a stinking hot January, plus some windy conditions which can be as drying as the heat. Keep a close eye on how much water your fruit trees are getting; particularly in the 6-8 weeks before the fruit is ready, and be prepared to water a bit more often than usual in hot windy conditions. Once a tree has been harvested, you can cut back the amount you're watering it to about half. Most of its work is done for the year, though early fruiting trees should keep growing for a while after the fruit has been picked, so don't cut off the water completely if you have enough to spare.
3. Be fruit fly aware: put out traps, check them regularly, and pick up any fruit from the ground under your trees. If you're not sure what you should be doing to prevent fruit fly, please check out the free resources in our Weekly Fruit tips newsletter (sign up <https://mafg.com.au/fruit-tips>).

It's sobering to remember that this time last year we had a fire on the farm which burned a few hundred trees, but was rapidly brought under control by our wonderful CFA. A year later the burned trees are gone, but we still have plenty of productive orchard, and Ant from Tellurian Fruit Gardens (who leases the orchard from us now) is flat out harvesting and selling fruit, so he's probably glad he has a few less trees to manage! Happy harvests!

Hugh and Katie Finlay own and manage the property at the Harcourt Organic Farming Co-op and have 20 years' experience as organic orchardists in Harcourt. The Co-op Farm Shop is open Wednesday & Friday from 10 am - 1 pm at 69 Dann's Road. Hugh and Katie run organic fruit growing courses (www.growgreatfruit.com), and offer a free weekly online workshop called 'The 5 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit' (sign up at <https://growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing/>).

ASQ Plant of the Month

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Council's Australia Day awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the Mount Alexander Shire Australia Day Awards:

- Ken Maddern – Citizen of the Year
- Milou Albrecht – Young Citizen of the Year
- Brian McCormick – Senior Citizen of the Year
- Mount Alexander Seniors Festival – Community Event of the Year

Thank you to the Traditional Owners and representatives from Nalderun and other community groups who organised and supported the Australia Day community event. Learn more about the award winners at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay.

Plan Harcourt

Thank you to everyone who took part in the first stage of Plan Harcourt. We have met over 100 people at our pop-up project offices and heard lots of big ideas via written submissions, surveys and our interactive map. We are now compiling all of this feedback into a report which we expect to release to the community in late March. To keep up to date about the project visit www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/PlanHarcourt.

Apply for a community grant

Community groups and organisations can now apply for Council's Community Grants Program. Applications for 2019 projects are open until Monday 18 February. Come along to an information session to speak with staff about your project idea. Learn more about session times, and the grants process at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants. For more information contact the Community Partnerships Team on 5471 1700 or email grants@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Help prevent fruit fly

Council has launched five engaging and educational videos to raise awareness on how to prevent the spread of Queensland fruit fly. The videos provide easy to follow tips on how to protect fruit and vegetables and ways to deal with affected produce. Learn more at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/FruitFly.

Satisfaction survey starts soon

Residents are encouraged to participate in the 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey to assess the performance of Council. The annual telephone survey will begin in early February and is carried out by independent market research agency National Field Surveys. A random, representative sample of residents will be surveyed. Feedback will help identify areas for improvement.

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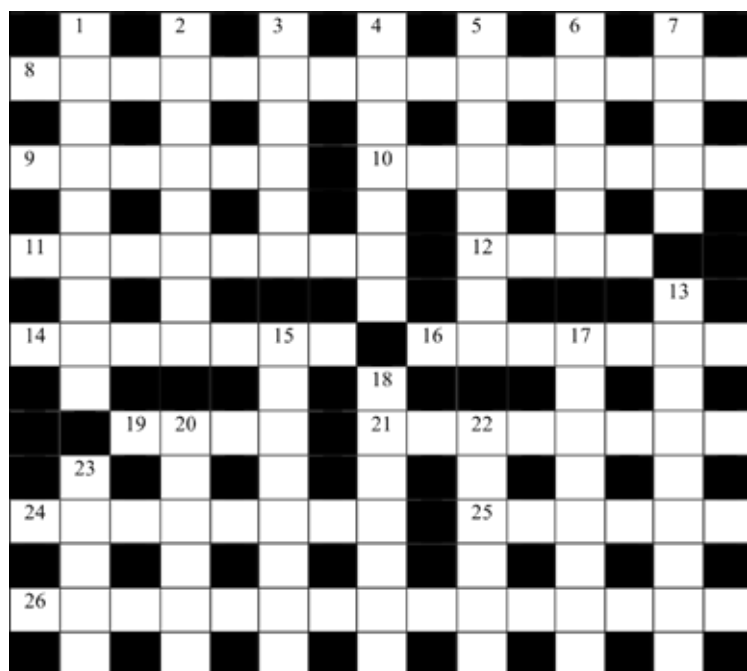
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Coolstore Road/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:56	12:11	2:26
Coolstore Road/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	8:57	12:12	2:27
Blackjack Rd/Midland Hwy (Harcourt)	9:03	12:18	2:33
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Down:

1. Claret, sugar and soda include what sounds like an entry to war... [9]
2. Red veg mixes horn-blow and ale. [8]
3. Selected Potok? [6]
4. Small amounts of burnt stuff in car accidents. [7]
5. "You serious, Shylock?" [8]
6. Fyodor, Fyodor... your book sans article. [6]
7. Bird-warble, sans junction in creeks. [5]
13. So depraved, drop the 500 and just listen in... [9]
15. I extract fee as figs are often burned. [8]
17. Resounding rant of calamitous group of families? [8]
18. An aspirated lost one takes the burnt-out castoffs. [7]
20. Productive sex? [6]
22. Moral allegory not so quiet in good farmland. [6]
23. Any long ladders here? (5)

Across:

8. Those who constructed 90% got as much as they could out of it. [4,3,4,2,2]
9. Forgers of late 20th century records? [6]
10. First degree and hoi polloi minus second-rate label for a word game. [8]
11. Proclaim with no nuance. [8]
12. Poet does produce these, sometimes. [4]
14. Stories about operational flights. [7]
16. Crude as a cursed merchant may be, this is his merchandise. [4,3]
19. 21's froth and bubble. (4)
21. Can be found in wet areas. [3-5]
24. Hey! I gets the visuals! [8]
25. Wear a bread roll? (6)
26. Starbucks tome? [6-5,4]

December 2018 solution ©McW June '17



Down:

2. A mere lad from the auld country could be re-clad in this colour. (8)
3. 2 could feature, but not the boy, in headgear. [Well?]
4. Turn time of fork in inert nut to derive some food value from it. (8)
5. During the robbery (1st & 4th) the 2nd and 3rd are what you need to 1st and 4th... [Well?]
6. Charming volley for pretty woman (Pommy sexism on display?) (6)
7. MP is able to bounce back. It might make the nit resile from his outrageous gaffes. (9)
8. One third of 5 with weapon used. [Well? "One third" isn't hyphenated...]
14. I'm in laced drink to make you better. (9)
16. Short black unavailable at many stations?. [Well?]
18. The same nice filmic places back headlessly. (7)
20. *Ecce homo?* Rather *Op homo* for this horny-handed son of toil... [Well?]
21. The remise, in two back-steps, of losing the lot. (6)
24. A problem with taipans disrupts the move north. (5)

Across:

1. Corbyn et. al. deserted? [Well?]
9. To do with technology of 10, often regarded as second-rate. [...to VHS]
10. Box transmitting? [Well?]
11. When he goes afar, I think he's in Africa on one. (6)
12. No matter how you, a mere learner, glue soy beans together, you'll probably not come up with Christmas firewood. (4,4)
13. He was not even excluded! [Well?]
15. Start [Begin] refigured as existing. (5)
17. Low pH, as captured the capturer of Valencia [Cid]. (5)
19. City of 25s? churning out celebrities' stories... [Well?]
22. Killed (2,6) leads to (8). [Well?]
23. Return to former state (French?) about [re] green. (6)
25. Maybe not so spooky as denizens of 19, but helps the writer in many ways... [Well?]
26. Comfortably Floyd? [Well?]
27. Am using me in a productive way? (4-10)

Community Diary Dates

Thursday 14th February: 7.30 pm Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

Saturday 16th February: Twilight Market, James Park next to ANA Hall, 4 pm to 8 pm.

Sunday 17th February: Roundabout Working Bee 8 am start until 10 am. Meet at the end of Station Street; Morning tea provided.

Sunday 17th February: Heritage Centre visit to Blume's Bakery. Meet at Heritage Centre at 1.30 pm.

Friday 22nd February: Closing date for submission of Entry Forms, Applefest Art Show.

Saturday 23rd February: 48pm, Twilight Market, James Park, High Street.

Tennis Club: Thursdays 7 pm Social night tennis at the Leisure

Centre courts. Cost is \$2 per person.

Bowling Club Dates: See page 12.

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; 1.30 pm 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.

Harcourt Pool Get in the Swim What's on for the Rest of the Season?

Water Aerobics: Thursday nights at 6 pm; \$5 for season pass holders and \$8 for casual visitors.

Girls Make Your Move at Mount Alexander Shire Outdoor Pools: February 1 to March 1 2019

Entry to the pools is free for girls up to 18 years between 4pm and 6pm Monday to Friday.

Healthy Choices – Choose well, Feel Great: All Mount Alexander pool kiosks now have Healthy Choices with a

range of healthy options for food and drink. Healthy

Lap Swimming: for a great aerobic workout

Mount Alexander Shire Pools website:

www.mountalexanderpools.com.au/ The site provides information on each pool, programs and events. Follow us on Facebook at Bendigo Regional YMCA or contact us at the pool on 5474 2484 or at the YMCA on 5444 3360.

Improving fishing at Barkers Creek Reservoir

Bendigo and District Fly Fishers Inc. (B&DFF)

The B&DFF received funding to carry out a study on the state of the fishery and to suggest improvements.

They have approached the Harcourt Progress Association with a request to hold a public meeting early this year as the group would like to engage with local community for possible ideas and assistance to refresh the opportunities for fishing at our local reservoir.

Stay tuned for more information via The Core, where the meeting details will be announced.

LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

Plan A is to go out to dinner.
Plan B to repent as a sinner.
We're all of one voice,
There's only one choice,
Plan A is the best, it's the winner.

Good News

The Shire has provided a new set of public toilets located at the swimming pool, but which are physically separate and independent of the pool.

About four years ago, the Harcourt Progress Association suggested that these be provided when the Applefest expanded exponentially. Since then parking for Mountain Bike riders has been set aside opposite the CFA. This is not to forget the Pony Club which operates every Sunday on land next to the pool, the BMX track users, and travellers who call in to take advantage of the caravan dump point. Additionally the new Play Space is to be located at the northern end of Stanley Park. These are all very good reasons for additional toilets at the northern end of town.

When The Core visited, the spacious Unisex, Disabled and Baby Change Room was open. The Male and Female facilities were locked; at the time of going to print, we were unable to obtain information about opening and closing times.



HARCOURT TWILIGHT MARKET

- Over 30 market stalls featuring local produce
- Enjoy live music & kids' entertainment
- Food trucks, licensed bar

Saturday February 23rd from 4pm to 8pm
James Park
High Street, Harcourt
4th Saturday of every month



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-  **Apple displays & tastings**
-  **Fresh produce & food stalls**
-  **Local cider, wine & beer**
-  **All day entertainment**
-  **Harcourt Art Show**
-  **Kids' Karnival**

Saturday 9th March, 9am-4pm

applefest.harcourt.vic.au

