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Funding Success for Play Space in Harcourt



Working together: Councillors, Council Officers and Community members were delighted to hear Maree Edwards' announcement of funding for the Play Space in Harcourt.

L to R: Mayor, Bronwen Machin; Mount Alexander Shire CEO, Darren Fuzzard; Harcourt Progress Association Secretary, Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns; Councillor, Christine Henderson; Working Group members Bryan Balmer and Veronica Budnikas; Councillor, David Petrusma; Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards; Jacqui Phiddian Active Communities Team Leader and Edwina Reid, Active Communities Officer.

ON 28 FEBRUARY, Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards announced the funding of the design and construction of a new play space in Stanley Park North, thanks to \$250,000 from the Labor Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. She said: "This fantastic new play space will encourage all young Mount Alexander Shire residents to get outdoors and get active – and we're listening to the community so we can create a space that suits everyone's needs."

The space's design elements and equipment are being developed through consultation with a local working group and council officers from the Active Communities Team. The wider Harcourt community has also been canvassed to make sure it fits the needs of

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all local families. The recent consultation session at the February Twilight Market drew a lot of attention and many worthwhile suggestions and constructive feedback.

Bryan Balmer spoke on behalf of the working group and said "Harcourt Progress Association and its predecessors have long talked about the need for an improved play space for Harcourt. This play ground is a District Level Space and we believe because of its unique features it will attract visitors from within the Shire and further afield." Bryan also acknowledged the vital contribution of funding from the State Government and the Shire's expected contribution totalling \$140,000

Members of the council team including Darren Fuzzard CEO and the Mayor, Ms Bronwen Machin, spoke of their delight in the progress of the play space; Ms Machin mentioned that the dialogue between council officers, the working group and the community is a model of cooperation which ensures great outcomes.

There is still time to comment on the design of the Play Space; community members can view the plans at the Goldfields Track Café, Harcourt Valley Primary School and can speak with Council Officers and members of the working group next to the Apple Growers Tent at the Harcourt Applefest on Saturday March 9.

Read more about how you can give feedback at: www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay. Send your feedback via email to info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or via post to Mount Alexander Shire Council, PO Box 185, Castlemaine 3450 VIC, or discuss your ideas with a member of the Community Spaces and Places Team on 5471 1700. The consultation closes at 5.00pm, Monday 18 March.



Harcourt Progress Association

The Harcourt Roundabout

They "Orta" do Something About it Well they did!

Recently, a small band of volunteers including Harcourt Progress Association, Victorian Miniature Railway and Landcare members did a great job of clearing weeds, both dead and alive, from the freeway roundabout. Weeding was followed by watering, raking and sweeping to leave the roundabout looking better than it has for a while. Spraying, funded via Landcare, has been carried out, and there is another round of spraying to be done. The volunteers were pleasantly surprised to see that the majority of plants have survived despite the recent harsh weather conditions

Another clean up and planting will be due once the weather cools down. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please call Sha Cordingley on 0422 206 361 if you can help at future working bees.

Harcourt Preschool Fundraising Challenge

There are very exciting times ahead for the Harcourt Preschool. At the February Harcourt Progress Association meeting Natalie McCarthy, President of the Harcourt Preschool Committee announced that the Preschool committee intends to purchase the Preschool site from the Uniting Church Synod. This purchase includes the Uniting Church Hall.

You may recall that the committee was granted \$262,500 from the Victorian State Government in 2017 to renovate. This combined with a locally raised contribution of \$67,500 means that \$350k is sitting in a trust fund awaiting long term certainty that the preschool can stay at the premises. The purchase will give the community that certainty and enable access to these funds

The Uniting Church has offered the site for sale to the Preschool and we will give the community a 2-year window to raise this money. The Preschool committee is currently reviewing the sale documents.

This is a very exciting development with huge potential benefits for Harcourt – including in the longer term the possibility of further developing the site to include after-school care and child care. As Harcourt grows, owning this land and buildings would be a huge asset to the community and will attract young families to our town.

The Preschool Incorporated Committee proposes to form a working group to raise \$100,000 within the time frame of two years. The Working Group will also be responsible for overseeing the legal processes required to acquire the land, incorporation, insurances etc. The Preschool Committee is seeking community members to join this sub-committee. In particular people with expertise in building management, contract negotiation or understanding sale legal documents are needed urgently.

In order to promote this exciting concept, the Preschool Committee plans to have information stalls at future Twilight Markets and they will be on hand to answer questions at their Applefest Lemonade stand.

Natalie McCarthy – 0419 799 987
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Andrew Mierisch, Neil Charter, Sha Cordingley and Robyn Miller were pleased with their efforts at the freeway roundabout in Harcourt.

Applefest Art Show & Sale 2019

The Applefest Art Show is a star feature of the Harcourt Applefest. The 2019 exhibition and sale of paintings will again display the creative talents of a large number of artists using many media and techniques. With its unique format of smaller works, the Art Show has become a must-enter event for regional artists. Competition for the awards is keen. There are several award categories for paintings, including

- “Best Local Subject”: (A work in any medium, depicting an object, event, person or place within the Mount Alexander Shire.)
- “Best Oil/Acrylic”: (Cameron Lang Memorial Award)
- “Best Watercolour”: (Shirley Stewart Memorial Award)
- “Best in Show” and
- “Best Other Medium”

Over its twenty-five year history the Art Show has built a reputation for the quality of the work on offer. For 2019 the Art Show judge will be Peter Perry, the highly regarded Director-emeritus of Castlemaine Art Museum. We are all eager to hear Peter’s nominations for the various awards.

***“Apple Pie” is the theme
for this years’ Art Show.***

Harcourt Progress Association Coming Events April and May

Twilight Markets:

Saturday March 23, 4 – 8 pm

Saturday April 27, 4 – 8 pm

Saturday May 25, 4 – 8 pm

As winter sets in the fun won’t stop. Keep a look out for more community activities in the cooler months organised by the HPA. Contact Jacqueline on 0425 323 005 for more information.

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



2018 prize winners at the Applefest Art Show.

At the Twilight Market



The Mad Hatter..

VMR members and display at the market .



Son Quba with Michell from Cuba with Stephen Breheny, Berrick Breheny, Haley Goddefroy and Emmanuel Hall in Harcourt. Photo supplied by Katherine Seppings.



King Johnathon (Jarrod Coote) and Lady William (Rebecca Edwards) were crowned at the Harcourt Twilight Market on Saturday 23 February. Jarrod and Rebecca are accompanied by Crusaders, Archer and Cooper.

Harcourt's Little Library
is at the Heritage Centre
Leave, borrow or take a book.
Wednesdays from 10am to 4pm



Our Kinder Enriches

We have begun the kinder year with 21 lovely families settling into kinder life. It's always an exciting yet nervous time for small children and their families, as for many it is a new venture out into the world without that trusted adult.

During these early weeks we work to build relationships between staff and families and provide an environment that is reflective of the nurturing qualities children may have experienced at home such as baking, a home corner, sand play, drawing, cosy corners, planting and lots of water play. The children have enjoyed making dams and rivers in our large outdoor sandpit during the hot weather and have finished the session with a run under the sprinkler.

Our program at Harcourt is enriched by the use of natural materials with the intent of bringing awareness of the environment into the children's learning experiences.

This week we are busily preparing for Applefest. Our kinder will be selling our delicious lemonade as well as apple juice, baked treats, some children's creations, and we are raffling a fabulous hamper, so please call by and support our little kinder.

Lisa Gray (Educational Leader)



Olivia finds a shady place to relax whilst at kinder.

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Harcourt Swimming Pool

90th Anniversary Celebration

When you see the wonderful pool facility which we have in Harcourt today, who would have thought that once the Harcourt Pool was a muddy concrete and granite lined pool with no fencing and no lifeguards – but it did have a diving board!

About thirty locals gathered to listen to a number of speakers tell of their association with the pool over the years. Councillor Cordy reminisced about how wonderful the original pool seemed when he was young and said, “I don’t know how any of us didn’t get sick from the pool. It was filled from the water race and there was no way you could see the bottom.”

Donna Petrusma said, “When the local committee became responsible for the new facility, the pool had been idle for over a year and it was full of filthy green water. We emptied the pool and scrubbed it with bicarb soda. We didn’t know how the equipment worked, but we eventually found out by trial and error; volunteers built the barbecue which is still there and available for pool users. But I still cannot understand to this day, how once when I opened the facility; I found that the water from the intermediate pool had vanished!

Jane Robson, CEO of the YMCA pushed to have the anniversary celebrated and the Harcourt Progress Association organised the venue and time and held a public meeting as part of the event. Andrew Bence the Outdoor Pools Manager from the YMCA oversees the Mount Alexander Pools and worked with the Heritage Centre to produce a display of photos and memorabilia which was of great interest to those gathered.



Some of the attendees at the 90th Anniversary of the Pool. L to R: Diana Cork, George Milford, Edna McDougall with Ken McDougall (back), Loretta Rice (Harcourt’s Citizen of the Year and a regular swimmer), Jane Robson, CEO of the YMCA, Donna Petrusma, Councillor Dave Petrusma (back), Natalie McCarthy, Neil Charter and Judy Coram. Back row right: Sha Cordingley, (HPA Deputy Chair), Councillor Tony Cordy and Bryan Balmer.

New residents enjoy Harcourt

The Core recently met with new Harcourt residents Liz and Ian Rowe and Lorraine Pestell. We had a chat over a cup of coffee in Liz and Ian’s new home in Pippin Court. Lorraine originally hails from London, but moved from a unit in Melbourne. Liz and Ian were well settled in Castlemaine for forty-four years, but their children had moved out, their home was large and involved lots of maintenance.

The process from purchase of land to moving in, took two years for Liz and Ian whose new abode is the first house to be completed in Pippin Court. For Lorraine the whole process took one year; she received her keys on St Valentine’s Day 2018. Both found the land affordable and were pleased to be able to choose their own builders to complete the house construction.

The position of the block suits Liz and Ian well, “We are enjoying the north facing outdoor area which can be closed up in winter. While we have delighted in developing our garden, the maintenance is not onerous, and we can get away when we like too. The area is quiet and the views are lovely.” Lorraine agrees; being from England, she said, “I can’t get enough sun! I have a deck with a verandah and screens facing west. I love it!” Lorraine who is an IT consultant said, “It’s so different here from living in a big city. I am very happy to be able to live in a quiet country town and have good transport access for work.” In her spare time she is a contemporary fiction author. They also mentioned that their new homes were energy efficient, maintaining a comfortable temperature in most weather conditions.

As new neighbours meet up, they are forming friendships and Liz has volunteered to help with the folding and distribution of The Core. That’s one way of getting into the Harcourt community!

I asked if they had any tips for prospective home builders. Liz said, “It’s fine looking at plans, but it is essential to visit display homes and see what the layout is actually like. You need to be physically in a proposed home to really understand its possible benefits and drawbacks.”



Lorraine, Liz and Ian can recommend moving to Harcourt

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Harcourt Uniting Church

We at Harcourt Uniting Church were privileged to welcome our new minister, Rev Sarah Tomilson, to her first service in the Castlemaine and District Uniting Church Parish at Harcourt on February 17th. This is Sarah's first placement after completing her studies at Pilgrim Theological College in June 2018. Rev Sarah was inducted into our Parish at a special service in Castlemaine where members of many Churches within the area joined in welcoming Sarah and her husband Alex to Castlemaine and District.

Before Sarah became a full time student she worked in several jobs – one of the most interesting was as the coordinator of the schools' program at the Jewish

Christian Muslim Association in Melbourne. Rev Sarah is looking forward to the many challenges of ministry, and we are already impressed with her wonderful enthusiasm.

The celebration of Easter within the Church begins with Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day as we all know it. Pancake Day is the last day before Lent when traditionally people would feast on a type of pancake before fasting for Lent - the 40 days leading up to Easter. In modern times fasting is not practiced widely however some people decide to give up some vice for Easter such as chocolate, coffee, alcohol or smoking.

The Castlemaine Chaplaincy Committee Progressive Dinner will be held on Shrove Tuesday March 5th with a pancake race to finish off the night. The race is always run with lots of laughter (and dropped pancakes) as we run relay races tossing a pancake in a frying pan as we go. There is fierce competition between the teams for the coveted trophy – a small frying pan on a board!

Sunday 10th March will see us enjoying pancakes after our service, with all donations going to Uniting which is a group within the Uniting Church working with the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the wider community.

On Saturday 6th April the Uniting Church will be selling pancakes outside the Castlemaine Newsagency from 8 am – 1 pm with all money going to Uniting. So come and enjoy some fresh pancakes topped with jam and cream, lemon juice or maple syrup.

Jan Jenkin



Rev Sarah Tomilson

LIMERICK *by The Bard of North Harcourt*

Two friends have flown off in a Boeing.
I've got no idea where they are going.
I think there's a chance
That it could be to France
But I've really no sure way of knowing.

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Chatting with CWA

Last Thursday we were over at the Leisure Centre potting up succulents for our CWA Stall at Applefest when one of our members, Pauline Wilkinson, arrived accompanied by four Japanese students.

After replying to a flyer in her post office box about Down Under Farmstays, Pauline now offers her lovely country home to visiting students and, this time, a visit to the Harcourt CWA was included in their activities. The girls joined us for afternoon tea and although not many words were spoken, there were smiles all round.

Yuki, Rina, Yuka and Suzano are all 17 and attend a high school near Tokyo and, even though they were spending only 2 nights in Harcourt, they managed to feed chickens and cattle, assist with the making of the miniature railway track, and make their own aprons from Australian inspired fabrics which they then wore when making a pavlova to have at a barbecue.

This was a whirlwind visit to this lovely part of the world, that's for sure, but one that they will always remember.



When I saw that the February Fireside Chat organised by the Harcourt Heritage Centre was to be a visit to Harcourt's Coronation Bakery, founded by the Blume family and moved to the present site in 1921, I just had to go. And I just had to ask our long time member, Colleen Hall, to come along with us because, before Colleen became a Hall, she was a Blume.

The new owners, Jodie and David, told us about their decision to reopen the bakery and of the history of this grand establishment. I then wandered around the garden with Colleen who remembered when a hedge was along the drive, an enormous vegetable garden flourished by the fence and a water well was over behind the wisteria. These were wonderful memories for Colleen as she remembered her days playing with her cousin Laura who accompanied her dad Colin when he came to work at the bakery owned by his brother Ernest.

And now it's Applefest time again, our major fundraiser for the year, and our members are preparing to bake, bake, bake. Do pop along to see us on the 9th March, have a chat and indulge yourself with one or two of our many slices, muffins and cakes, and of course jams, chutneys and sauces.



Colleen Hall née Blume outside the bakery.

I mentioned there would be two Applefest raffles in last month's Core but we have decided to have just the one, the beautiful sculptured bird bath created by local artist and CWA member, Jenny Steiner. The bird bath will be displayed at our stall for you to see and imagine in your own garden setting, so pop along and buy a ticket or two.

And another 'pop along' during Applefest is to the ANA Hall if you feel like you need a rest and a cuppa. The CWA Phoenix Chewton Branch is running the CWA Tea Room and Rest Area this year for the first time. So pop in, put your feet up, have a cuppa, sandwich and cake and feed the kids – just like was done years ago.

See you all at Applefest.

*Lyn Rule
Publicly Officer
Harcourt CWA*

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Harcourt CFA

Summer Weather Ignores the Calendar

While the month of February is the end of summer on the calendar, it is far from the end of summer conditions and temperatures. Central Victoria has had some limited summer rain but the risk of fire remains as we continue to experience drier and warmer conditions heading into March. Now is not the time to become complacent and let our guard down. We need to remain vigilant and avoid activities that increase the risk of starting a fire.

A number of local residents have expressed the view that campfires should be banned during summer

One area of concern is the need for having a campfire. The regulations allow the use of a campfire for “cooking or warmth” during the fire danger period but definitely not on a Total Fire Ban day. Just having a campfire for the sake of it during a fire danger period is technically breaking the law and also is an unnecessary risk. And with all campfires, they must be extinguished properly. The brigade, along with DELWP and neighbouring brigades, attended a campfire on the Mount on February 19, which had not been properly extinguished and had begun spreading through the dry undergrowth and up trees. Fortunately this was in a sheltered area so had not burnt too much before being extinguished. Resources also included the two helicopters out of Bendigo. So, all up, one little campfire became quite a costly exercise and absorbed valuable resources. This situation could have been avoided with just a bit more care. Since this incident a number of local residents have expressed the view that campfires should be banned during summer. If campfires become an increasing problem in summer, the more likely further regulations will be implemented to keep us safer.

The brigade attended a grass fire on Monday 18 February which started in the back of a property and then spread into the adjoining railway easement and set fire to numerous



The water bombing helicopter over Mount Alexander on Tuesday 19 February.

railway sleepers. This fire highlighted the dry conditions we are experiencing and also how limited access to properties can impede the initial attack and time required to bring the fire under control. Narrow gateways and driveways as well as poorly positioned gates and fences can become a hindrance in gaining access to a spreading fire, especially in heavy smoke where visibility is affected. If you have the opportunity to refresh your fencing and gates, accessibility for the fire brigade is an important aspect to take into account.

Applefest Activities

The Brigade will once again be on display at this year's Applefest and will have an information marquee set up outside the fire station. We will also be conducting our “trailer load of wood” raffle as well as planning a special activity for the kids. Unfortunately the Little Red Fire Truck is currently receiving repairs so will not be visiting us this time, but providing it is not too hot, Captain Koala will be out and about. Please come and pay us a visit.

CFA Safety Feedback

CFA has seen a spike in fires caused by air conditioners recently with 21 incidents since the start of this year. Points to remember are:

- Regularly service and maintain your air conditioner to ensure it is in good working order
- Only use certified tradespeople to repair damaged or faulty appliances
- Always follow manufacturer's instructions
- Keep your air conditioner and coolers clear of clutter and other materials
- Turn electrical appliances off at the power point when not in use.



Comini's tanker at the grass fire on Monday 18 February. Photo supplied by brigade member Kerrie Anne Schnoor.



The melted item on the right was a plug in Air Freshener.

Did you know that plug-in air fresheners are also a fire hazard? Turn them off when not in use and when you leave your home. Have a close look at this photo to see what can happen.

Fires can start very easily, so any step you take to mitigate the risk will not only reduce the number of callouts we receive but also reduce the risk of a fire starting in your home.

Take the time to do a check before leaving home and be fire safe.

*Tyrone Rice
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator*

Craft Retreat Open Day in Harcourt

Crafting is about to be added to the list of things that Harcourt is well known for. Create@Harcourt will open for bookings after an open day on March 31. The new craft retreat is a sister property to the popular Create@Warburton. The retreat is designed so that groups of like-minded people can come together to create, connect and recharge. The idea of the retreat came about after one of the owners, Kerrie, realised how fantastic she felt after being away for a weekend with her craft group. "I noticed how refreshed I was and how good I felt mentally after some time away creating with my making group. I wanted to make a space where others could get those benefits too," said Kerrie. "Most of the craft groups that we have stay in Warburton are quilters and patchworkers. We also have some garment makers and quite a few scrapbooking groups. Most of our guests return year after year."



Create@Harcourt has been refurbished to be a home away from home. It has a comfortable, functional arty feel. Kerrie, her husband Neil and their 16 year old son Tom have done much of the work themselves. Tom has also become keenly interested in mountain biking since spending time at Harcourt.

The house has 12 beds in 5 bedrooms. The craft room has excellent lighting and a huge table with inbuilt power points. There are several living spaces.

Create@Harcourt is located at 117 Harmony Way Harcourt. The open day is on March 31 from 10 am–3 pm. Samples of local goodies will be available from producers such as Goldfields Track Cafe, Blumes Historic Bakery, Peddling Pastry, Ice cream Social and Harcourt Cider.

General Store Update

Works at the general store are moving along. Store owner Annette Larsen Rae is pleased with progress and told The Core that the final permits for the verandah and decking at the front of the shop have been approved.

Annette has been busy while construction has been underway. In preparation for the store opening she has spent some months turning the yard behind the shop into a highly productive vegetable garden that is going to supply the kitchen with seasonal produce and for sale in the shop. The summer produce is bountiful and Annette is picking vegetables every day.



Annette in her garden



Imagine having the space for your craft. This photo shows the craft table at Create@Warburton

\$150K Community Bank Grants Announced Soon

It's exciting to see that there's been strong interest from Harcourt community groups in applying for funding under the Maldon & District Community Bank's (MDCB) 20th birthday grants program. There's \$150,000 set to be given away to the community.

As you probably know, MDCB is a franchise of the Bendigo Bank, run by a community-owned company called Maldon & District Financial Services Ltd (MDFSL), and I'm a director of MDFSL. As a Harcourt resident that's a bit unusual, as most directors have been from Maldon, Newstead or Dunolly. Considering the bank's been going for 20 years it may seem strange that in that time there hasn't been a stronger connection to Harcourt, but I think that's because it started in Maldon, and has branches in Newstead and Dunolly, but not in Harcourt.

Harcourt hasn't had its own bank in living memory - or ever? (I'm sure the trusty Heritage Committee would be able to answer that question.) Most Harcourtians probably do their banking in Castlemaine or Bendigo, and many are probably already with the Bendigo Bank, (though they may not have their accounts at one of the Community Bank branches, which means the profits from their banking go to the corporate side of the Bendigo Bank, rather than into the Community Bank side).

So why the focus on trying to strengthen the links between Maldon & District Community Bank and Harcourt?

Because we have SO much to offer each other.

Despite not having a branch here, Harcourt is in MDCB's catchment area. The community banking model was set up to serve small communities like ours as an alternative banking model, where the profits are diverted away from corporate shareholders and into the community. How great would it be if some of those profits were coming into OUR community?

It can happen! In fact, it's starting to happen. Of course there's strict confidentiality, so directors don't find out who gets (for example) home loans, equipment loans, credit cards or insurance with MDCB, but our bank manager Adam Balzan tells the board about the trends, and he's feeling positive about the amount of new business starting to come from the Harcourt area.

Fantastic!

If even a small proportion of new Harcourt banking business starts to flow towards MDCB, that gives the bank more profits to give back to the community, and it increases the chances

that some of the profits will start flowing back into Harcourt. Just like other small towns, our clubs, organisations and events could do with all the help they can get!

Apart from sending business the bank's way, there's three other (really simple) ways to strengthen the connections between Harcourt and MDCB:

1. "Like" the Maldon & District Community Bank branch Facebook Page—it still only has 2 likes from Harcourt! This is definitely the low hanging fruit in terms of our community showing interest in what MDCB is doing (commenting on and sharing posts also helps);
2. Sign up for our free monthly newsletter—here's the link: maldoncb.com.au. Either scroll to the bottom of the home page of the website, or wait a moment and a box will pop-up box for you to put in your email address. Then you'll hear directly about grants, scholarships, and special events.
3. Come to the 20th birthday party to help celebrate with all the groups that receive grants. It's on Tuesday evening 23rd April at the Maldon Community Centre and it's going to be a party!

So, back to the \$150,000 grants night. The grants closed on 28th February, with more than 50 applications from around the catchment area including a strong representation from Harcourt groups. Fingers crossed that at least some of them are successful, and we start to see more money flowing into Harcourt from this wonderful community banking model.

Cheers,

*Katie Finlay
Director
Maldon and District Financial Services*



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Harcourt Lions VCAL Partnership Award at VMR

The Honorable member for the Bendigo West Electorate, Maree Edwards is planning a visit in April 2019 to inspect the building works progress at the Victorian Miniature Railway (VMR).

The Harcourt and District Lions Club in collaboration with VMR, Goldfields Track Café and Mount Alexander Shire Council and the Castlemaine Secondary College students have

commenced the civil works to build the Miniature Railway Station, Signal Box and Platform, with the assistance of a State Government 'Pick My Project' grant.

We are planning to have an Open Day in mid-2019 to share our progress with the Harcourt Community and are aiming to be open to the general public on Sundays, towards the end of 2019, beginning of 2020.

This week the Harcourt Lions Club was notified by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority that our 2018 Youth Engagement Program had been nominated for, and was successful, in winning a Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) Partnership Award. We wish to acknowledge the amazing work of the volunteers at the Victorian Miniature Railway, Harcourt and District Lions Club and the commitment of the Castlemaine Secondary College staff, involved in providing practical, trade based work experiences to the VCAL, Flexible Learning Option (FLO) and Nalderun Project students.

The success of the 2018 Youth Engagement Program has meant that the Program continues in 2019, with the grateful support of the Harcourt Community and the Mount Alexander Shire Council.

*Grant Victor-Gordon
Special Projects Officer
Harcourt & District Lions Club Inc*



Making tracks: VCAL students at work on making miniature railway tracks at the Victorian Miniature Railway shed in Harcourt.

Paula Ewing – Australian Cross Triathlon Champion

Congratulations to Paula Ewing for her Gold Medal in the Australian Cross Triathlon Championships!

Not all of us are good at goal setting and then actually achieving that goal. Paula wanted a goal for the summer and decided to enter the Australian Cross Triathlon Championships. "But," she said "I had never taken part in any sort of triathlon before." Cross Triathlons involve off road bike riding and running plus a swim.

The Triathlon was held at Lake Crackenback Resort and Hotel just outside Kosciusko National Park. "I entered the races in the 40 – 44 years age category, with no expectations of winning. The swim is 1500 metres (in the lake); the mountain bike ride is 30 km, and the race finishes with a run of 10 kms."

"I found a twelve week training regime for triathlons on the web

and from there began training sometimes solo, sometimes with friends, Alix Edquist and Amy Marit. Swims were done twice a week in Golden Point Reservoir, while the off road tracks between Harcourt and Castlemaine were good for cycling and running."

The Shire had good representation at the competition. Alix competed in the same age group as Paula and came 5th; Amy was in the age group below and came 6th. Paula's husband Andrew entered the Duathlon – cycling for 30 kms and running for 10 kms – and came fifth. Alix's husband Nick Frederiksen was responsible for race timing for the whole festival which went for two days.

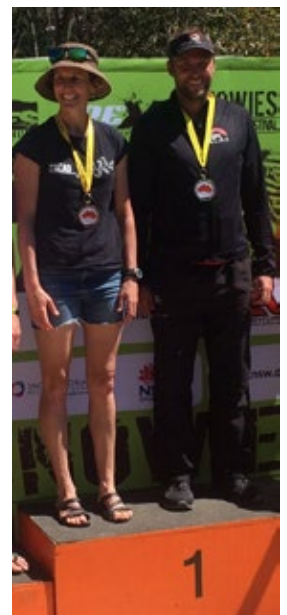
Paula's winning times were: Swim: 25 minutes; Cycling: 1 hour 44 minutes; Run: 1 hour and 14 minutes.

Paula concluded her interview with The Core by saying, "I'm now looking for another event and I would like to enter the Australian Cross Triathlon next year."

Gold medal winners in female and male 40 – 44 year age group in the Australian Cross Triathlon Championships, Paula Ewing and Stephane Vander Bruggen share the podium.



L to R: Amy Marit, Paula Ewing, and Alix Edquist.





Landcare will be at the Applefest and will once again share the Apple Growers' tent space. Pop by to purchase some hardy and local native plants, a specialty book, get information on weeds, local plants and trees and meet some of our dedicated members. There will be a bird matching game for children and an apple donated by Thompson's orchards for every child who participates.

Membership is \$20 per family; chat to our members to find out about the exciting projects we have on the go this year – including a wetland project with Harcourt Valley Primary School.



Land care families got together at the Twilight Market. Can you spot the King and Queen of Applefest disguised as avid Landcarers?

Fruit Fly Action

Making Fruit Fly traps was all the rage at the recent Twilight Market. All four trap making sessions had good attendance and many questions were answered. Attendees found it helpful to see the samples of fruit flies which Nicole Porter of Bendigo Regional Food Alliance had trapped in her garden in Bendigo. She lead people through the trap making process and had samples of the very fine white netting which is most successful in preventing fruit flies from having access to fruit and vegetables.

The Fruit Fly Action Group will have information available at the Applefest and will be at the Apple Growers' tent.



Nicole answers a question at the Fruit Fly Action marquee at the Twilight Market

Spreading the word about Blumes Bakery

Jodie Pillinger of Blumes Bakery and Sonia Anthony of Masons Restaurant in Bendigo are building a working relationship which has blossomed. In early February Sonia organised a tour of local tourism and hospitality businesses in the Mount Alexander region. The visitors included Lisa Chesters, Member for Bendigo and representatives of Bendigo Tourism. Dani Valent a freelance food writer, who often writes for The Age, was also there. Sonia provided a light lunch to compliment Jodie's sourdough breads using products from her restaurant suppliers, such as pastrami from Warialda Belted Galloway Beef at Clonbinane and Simply Tomatoes of Boort.

Jodie took her visitors through the process of restoration of the Scotch Oven and re-establishing the bakery, emphasising the family history of the Blumes who were the original bakery family. The massive brick oven is called "Pearl" after Ernest Blume's wife. Jodie said, "We believe this is the only scotch oven in the world which has thermocouple heat sensors in the floor and the roof as far as we know. Adding the sensors to the oven has made it possible for us to understand how it works, fire it efficiently and allow us to bake successfully from day one."

Prior to their visit the group spent time with well-known Dja Dja Wurrung elder Aunty Julie discussing and viewing the indigenous foods which she grows. After lunch, the group moved on to Sutton Grange Winery and Holy Goat Cheese. Sonia will be running her bespoke tours Leaving a Legacy - Seven Incredible Women of Central Victoria throughout 2019.



Jodie Pillinger, Blumes Bakery; Erin Ryan, Media Officer in Lisa Chesters Office; Dani Valent, freelance Food Writer; Sharon Wells, Public Relations Bendigo Tourism; Lisa Chesters, Federal Member for Bendigo and Sonia Anthony, Masons Restaurant Bendigo.

Do you know where your closest defibrillator is?

Did you know that using a defibrillator on someone in a cardiac arrest situation within the first five minutes greatly increases their chance of survival?

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Bronwyn is keen to hear from you if you or an organisation you are involved with, has a defibrillator. She can also assist you to register it and help train staff to use one.

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Maya Rose & Son Quba perform for the Castlemaine Fringe Saturday 16 March

The Castlemaine Fringe Festival presents local R&B singer-songwriter Maya Rose and Cuban style band Son Quba on Saturday 16 March at the Castlemaine Town Hall, 25 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine from 7.30 to 11.30 pm.



Son Quba is a Castlemaine-based Cuban band performing high energy Cuban standards and slow Latin ballads. The line-up consists of Percussion, Bass, Guitar, Trumpet, Saxophones and led by Vocalist and Trés player Stephen Breheny.

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Maya Rose is a singer-songwriter, composer and musician from Castlemaine. She mesmerizes audiences with her soulful vocals, moving lyrics and compelling sounds. Maya's debut single and EP will be released in 2019.

Contact: Maya Rose 0466 614 599;
pearson.maya@gmail.com;
www.mayaofficial.com

You can also see Maya Rose at the following events in March:

- Sunday 3 March 12 pm: Castlemaine Artists Market
- Saturday 9 March 1.35 pm: Harcourt Applefest
- Sunday 10 March 10 am: Taradale Mineral Springs Festival

Get along to the Town Hall on Saturday 16th March; support the Fringe Festival and have a great night out!

- Dance floor and bar.
- Tickets available online at trybooking.com and at the door, \$15-18.



News from Harcourt Bowling Club

Pennant News

The Midweek Division four pennant side ended the home and away games in second position on the ladder. At the time of going to print they were preparing for the finals campaign with a semi-final challenge against ladder leaders Strathfieldsaye at Golden Square and another chance up their sleeve. Division five was not so lucky this year.

Finals hopes will be realised for at least one of the Weekend Pennant divisions as Division three has maintained its lead on the ladder. At the time of going to print Division five were sweating on fourth position and a finals berth – this is a good effort for their first year in this Division. Division eight was also not so lucky this year. There will be more on pennant outcomes in the April Edition.

Sponsor's Night Final

The final of the Sponsor's Challenge was held on Tuesday 19th February and was well attended and contested by 12 teams vying for the coveted Chappy's Challenge Shield. The winner of the night was the Robinson's team with Bendigo Bank team of Garry, Sean, Joy and Alison Runners Up. The overall winners of the Chappy's Challenge this year was the Robinson's Team of Terry Robinson, Clinton Aldridge, D'Arcy Carroll and Rod Carmichael. On behalf of the Chaplin family Trevor presented the Shield and the prize to the Challenge Winners.

Barefoot Bowls and Barbies

Barefoot Bowls 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 welcome.

BAREFOOT BOWLS DATES -

Tuesday March 12th

Tuesday March 26th will be the Final one for the year, depending on the weather.

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 year continues to be popular. In keeping with the friendly atmosphere of the Club this is a fairly casual night. 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 afternoon – the list and the menu for each fortnight will be in the cupboard outside the Clubhouse. ALL WELCOME.

Club Championships – Still In Play

In between games of pennant the women and men bowlers are busy on 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 we have a new initiative – the **Harcourt 100** – which will see the women and men playing against each other for a change.

Men's Invitation Fours Tournament Sunday 3rd February

Another successful Annual Men's Fours Tournament was held in February with 24 teams competing in two shifts. Players enjoyed the morning tea and lunch, finishing with afternoon tea at the conclusion and presentation. The winning team of the first 'fill' sponsored by Kosmac and Clemens was the Gisborne crew of John Evans, Bill O'Connor, Graham Quaife and Brian Wylie. Runners up were Daylesford's Ken Marshall, Nick Vetherus, Ken and Steve. The Maxi IGA Sponsored second 'fill' winners was the Auburn 2 team of Ray Versaci, Mal Waite, Nick Walker and Brendan Gallagher. Runners Up was Kevin Earl's Castlemaine composite team with Tony Olssen, Brendan Leavey and Ron Frankling.



2nd Fill winners Harcourt Mens Fours – Auburn 2.

Ladies Invitation Fours Tournament Thursday 14th February

The Annual Ladies' Fours Tournament held on 14th February took on a St Valentine's Day theme and was a great success with all rinks filled. Visiting Clubs were from Bridgewater, Calivil, Campbells Creek, Castlemaine (x3), Eaglehawk, Golden Square (x2), Inglewood, Kangaroo Flat, Marong, South Bendigo and White Hills.

The day started with morning tea followed by closest to the ditch. Winners of that were: Leads – Helen Leech from Inglewood; Seconds – Val Case from Campbells Creek; Thirds – Joyce Kelly from Eaglehawk; Skips – Dawn Jennings from Golden Square. After playing three games of ten ends (with a lunch break in the middle) the winning team was Jan Conder's team from Eaglehawk with Carol Patching, Joyce Kelly and W Kelly. Runner Up was Nina Hufer's Castlemaine



Ladies Fours Tournament Winners – Eaglehawk.

3 team with Maureen Fletcher, Sheryl Williams and Kathy Parsons. Thanks to Brian and Lyn Leidle of Mount Alexander Funerals for their generous sponsorship of the day.

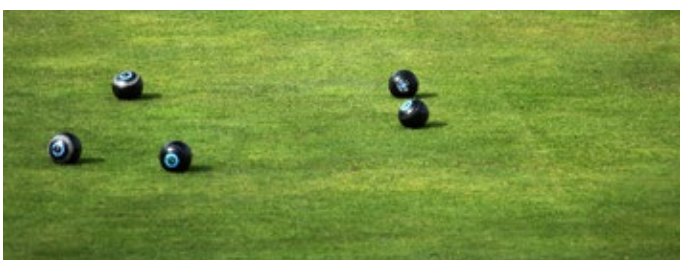
Grant Mixed Pairs Tournament – Sunday 24th February

Another important date on the Club calendar is the Grant (3 bowls) Mixed Pairs Tournament which is very popular within the Club with 20 teams competing this year. This annual Gold Letter club event is held in memory of Freda and Charlie Grant who were foundation members of the Club. Malcolm and John Grant and their families have continued the legacy left by their parents in their ongoing support of the Club. The winners on a countback with 44 points were Kaye and John Grant from Runners up Ken Tribe and Lorna Davey.



Kidman Invitation Fours Tournament rescheduled to Saturday 30th March

The Annual Kidman Mixed Fours tournament has been rescheduled to Saturday 30th March 2019. It was decided that a date after the Pennant season was more suitable for all players. The tournament will be reported on in the May edition of the Core.



WHAT'S ON FOR MARCH AND APRIL AT THE BOWLING CLUB?

- 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
- Saturday March 9th – Weekend Pennant Preliminary finals
- Tuesday March 12th – Barefoot Bowls
- Thursday March 7? – Ladies (Drawn) Championship Pairs
- Thursday March 14th – Men's (Drawn) Gough Championship Pairs
- Friday March 15th – Friendly Friday Foodies
- Saturday March 16th – Weekend Pennant Grand Final
- Tuesday March 26th – Barefoot Bowls
- Saturday March 30th – Kidman Mixed Fours Tournament
- Saturday April 13th – Rice Memorial Mixed Triples Tournament
- End of Season Presentation Night and Breakup

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3RD APRIL 2019

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Harcourt Football Netball Club

Greetings from the Harcourt Football Netball Club. The upcoming season is looking positive and that's exactly what the club strives to be – a positive influence in the community, especially for the younger footballers, both boys and girls, and netballers, and so, coaches Paul and Sam conduct footy clinics at Harcourt Primary.

Youth netball is an ongoing strength of the club and the last couple of years has seen the resurgence of junior football. We are looking for netballers in Under 13 and 15

We are also looking for footballers so we can hopefully field teams in Under 11½, 14½ and 17½ along with families participating.

For further details, contact Amy 0406 314 378

Hope to see you at the Lions Den.



Harcourt Heritage Centre

The ongoing legacy of Hedley James.

It is almost thirty years since the Hedley James collection was placed in the care and custody of Harcourt Heritage Centre. Due to the efforts of Lyn Allen, Yvonne Graham, Marilyn Bennet and Ian Braybrook and others a collection of old photographs, clippings and historical memorabilia assembled by Harcourt historian, the late Hedley James, was presented to the Harcourt Valley Heritage Museum by Hedley's widow, Sybil James, in August 1989.

Hedley James had devoted a great deal of his life to recording and preserving the history of the Harcourt area. His collection included photographs, plans and maps, directories, magazines, books and catalogues, artwork, documents, certificates and calendars. There were also a large number of cards, postcards, brochures and even boxes of newspaper clippings. In addition there were a number of other objects which held historical significance. There was a total of 1548 items in the collection handed over in 1989.

Hedley James had grown up in Harcourt within a very large extended family of fruit growers. Among those fruit growers were some who had been the first to plant apples in the valley. Hedley's father William E James had joined the local militia in 1901. At the time of Hedley's birth W E James had the rank of second lieutenant in the 8th Australian Infantry Regiment. He gained promotion to Captain in 1911. In 1908 William James had married Edith Eagle, one of ten children of pioneer orchardist William Eagle.

W E James served with the AIF during WW1 and gained distinction, as Lt Colonel, in General Monash's final assaults on German positions in the closing months of the European War. Son Hedley served as a Gunner with the 2nd AIF in World War 2.

Returning to civilian life, Hedley worked as manager of the Eagle orchards. The orchard was quite large, 43 acres of apples and 12 acres of pears. Hedley's Work Diary/Orchard Notes are in the Harcourt Heritage Centre collection. The pages are full of references to the fruit varieties then being worked: Dunns, Londons, Anjous, Jonathons, Romes, Delicious, Crowns, Packhams, Nelis, Yapeens, Josephines, Grannies, apricots and plums. Days spent ploughing, picking, pruning or at the Coolstore are mixed with references to sprays: Bluestone and Lime Sulphur. Blood and Bone is mentioned as the principal fertiliser. Stocks of fruit packing materials are listed: Cases (presumably bushel boxes), Canadians, Shooks, Strawboards, Long Bushel, Banana Boxes, Wrapping paper, Woodwool and Wire. The Ledger and Work Diary demonstrate that Hedley was meticulously writing up transactions, even before he took up the writing of the history of his locality.

During 1958 and 1959 Hedley served as Secretary to the committee which organised the Harcourt Primary School Centenary celebrations. This was a large committee, headed by Frank Warren.

Hedley was employed by K V Eagle from 1946 to 1965. He then worked with R R (Bob) Mills in bridge-building contracts throughout central Victoria from July 1965 to 1970. Hedley purchased a caravan at this time and used it as living quarters when the bridge contracts necessitated living away from home, generally for a week at a time. Hedley then returned to the

orchards, working for Eagles until 1976 when he qualified for the pension.

After retirement, Hedley devoted himself to organising and enlarging his historical collection. This was set up in the caravan in his back yard. Many folk knew of this collection and feared for its security. However, nothing untoward happened and the collection, carefully built up, eventually passed to the care of the Harcourt Heritage Centre. The core of the collection was the collection of 'Mail' news items, photographs and memorabilia which came to him as part of the extended James, Eagle, Warren and Frost families. He also photographed many local homes, business premises, features and events.

Harcourt Heritage Committee is grateful to Hedley James. He provided his community with a unique collection. Many district home-owners have found early photos of their dwelling in the Heritage Centre collection. Dinky-di researchers have found much that is of interest in the files and the displays of the Heritage Centre.

To see an example of part of the C H James collection readers of "The Core" might like to take a look at the newly-erected interpretive signs at Barkers Creek Reservoir. These story-boards include text and photos from Hedley's collection. The new signs display irreplaceable long-ago photos of the local Reservoir when it was a favoured boating and picnicking venue for the people of Harcourt. The creative artists who designed the signs were impressed with the high quality of the old photos.

Thirty years after its handover, the C H James collection is displayed, archived, indexed and utilised by the Harcourt Valley Heritage Centre as the nucleus of a thriving Museum. It is an irreplaceable resource for serious students of history. Gifts of local history items in the past thirty years have meant that the collection has grown almost four-fold. It now has more than 5,500 catalogued/digitised items. Sybil and Hedley James' legacy to Harcourt has returned, many times over, the effort that was devoted to its compilation.

George Milford, for Harcourt Heritage Centre.



At the western end of the wall at Barkers Creek Reservoir, visitors will find this new "Welcome sign". Hedley James' records were used for the historical content on a number of the new signs which are to be found beyond the welcome sign.



Councillor Comment

Hi all,

It's another beautiful autumn day. Who would want to live anywhere else?

It was great to see the plans for the new playground on display at the Twilight Market. I hear that our new playground is one step closer to reality with a funding announcement this Friday. Top marks for our local MP Maree Edwards for supporting our community.

I would also congratulate Jacqueline and the organisers of the Twilight Market. It was a huge success again. It's a great place to spend time with the family, catch up with a few locals and enjoy good music.

We do live in the lucky country.

Another important event in March is the Castlemaine State Festival. Tickets are selling fast but remember; the opening and closing events are free so make sure you get along to those. This event certainly puts our community on the National and International stage, so is well worth supporting.

Best regards to all Tony

AG Cordy
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Jan Baldock and Jodie McKeone are seen here with Splash and Peppia. The pair of ponies and carriage belong to Jan; this was their first time out and about. Jan uses equine joggers on the ponies' feet as they don't have horse shoes and the joggers cushion their hooves against the road surface.

LAUNCH OF SIGHTINGS



Sightings will be launched at a Goldfields Library event to be held in the Castlemaine Town Hall on Thursday 18th April at 5.30pm.

Jennifer and Lorena will be in conversation with James McArdle and this will be followed by book signings. All are welcome!

For further information contact Jennifer at
sophics@internode.on.net

or go to

jenniferlehmannwriter.wordpress.com/

You can book at the Library for this event. The library phone number is 5472 1458 and the online booking address is goldfieldslibraries.com.

Successful Fruit Growing

ASQ Plant of the Month Indoor Plants

Hi everyone,

Phew, what a hot summer we've had, and just when we breathe a sigh of relief that it's cooled down we get another hot spell! Heat waves seem to get longer every year, and one of the things everyone's been commenting on this year is the way the prolonged heat seems to stop the vegies ripening properly. The need to water constantly and the risk of sunburn in the fruit has meant it's been a tricky summer in the garden. At least we've started to get some cooler nights which will help the apples to colour up before harvest.

Now is the time to start thinking about summer pruning of apricots and cherries. These trees are particularly prone to fungal disease, and it can minimise the risk of disease by pruning them in the warm, still weather of late summer/autumn rather than waiting until the cold, wet weather of winter, when we prune most fruit trees. Make sure your secateurs are very sharp and clean; particularly if they've been used on diseased trees (it's easy to clean them in a 1:10 solution of bleach, or wipe the blades with eucalyptus oil). Some people recommend painting the pruning cuts, but we've found it preferable just to let the cuts dry naturally.

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

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

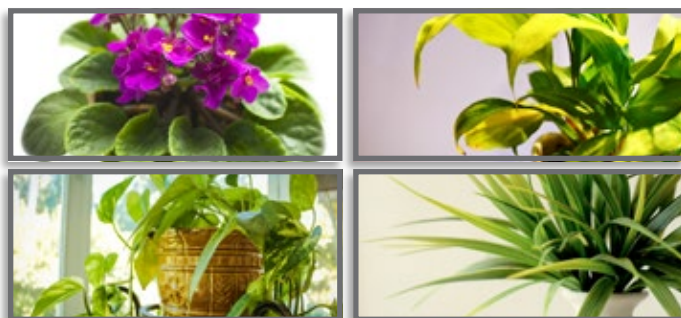
One last thing – Applefest is coming up, and we're always looking for a really wide range of apples (and pear) varieties for the display at the fruit growers' tent, so if you happen to have an interesting old apple variety in the garden and would be happy to donate a few to the display, please send us an email.

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. Hugh and Katie run organic fruit growing courses (www.growgreatfruit.com), and a free weekly online workshop called "The 5 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit" (sign up at <https://www.growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing/>).

Now is the perfect time to bring the outdoors in and instantly lift your space with indoor plants!

Not only does adding greenery to your home look great, but it can also reduce stress, boost creativity and improve air quality. For many years indoor plants were considered 'outdated', but recently we have seen the trend make a bold return.

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Have your say on play space designs

A community group made up of parents, grandparents, representatives of the community and Council has been working with local designers to create a new vision for a play space at Stanley Park North. The initial designs are now available for public feedback. You can view the plans at Goldfields Track Café, Harcourt Valley Primary School, Harcourt Preschool and on our website at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay. Submit your feedback to Council by Monday 18 March.

Plan Harcourt

Thank you to everyone who took part in the first stage of Plan Harcourt. We have met over 200 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 coming months. To keep up to date about the

VicHealth sporting club grants

Calling all community sports clubs! VicHealth's Active Club Grants are now open, with funding of up to \$3,000 or up to \$10,000 available. The grants aim to help clubs get more women and girls playing sport and increase social or modified sport opportunities for people of all ages, genders and abilities. Applications close Friday 8 March. Find out more at www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/active-club-grants.

Employment opportunities

Council advertises employment opportunities each week in the Midland Express and on our website. See a list of vacancies at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Current_Vacancies.

Council meetings

- 6.30pm, Tuesday 19 March at the Civic Centre
- 6.30pm, Tuesday 16 April at the Civic Centre.

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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
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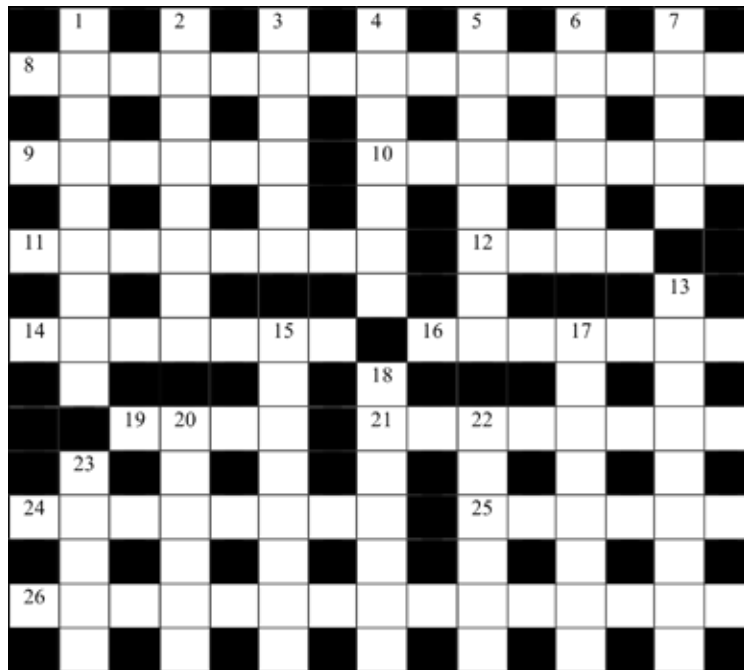
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Down:

1. Why argue toss about Rex, when this one can be had? [9]
2. A tame doer? [8]
3. God potentially in total power, backing the last six. [3,3]
4. I am where ships come to for what it conveys. [7]
5. Volcanic idea nets US rock. [8]
6. Barely ours in extract we hear. [6]
7. Ungrammatical French termite (Argentinian?) put at an angle to the wall. [5]
13. Things that occur could make a mean mobile... [9]
15. He's been a nut, but nobody's cracked him yet. [8]
17. 25 about the house? [8]
18. Boost for small thing in the eye? [7]
20. Elites chew absolutely none of this—avoid it like the plague! [6]
22. Crim asserts his right in rip-offs, and shoots through. [6]
23. Pal has no right to turn into this! (5)

Across:

8. Groovy sentiment eventually annoyed me. [2,3,2,2,6]
9. In accord over what fuels consumer capitalism? [6, or 1,5?]
10. Lyric poem I bent to my will so that you will be tractable. [8]
11. Sue withdraws as goat rescues hors d'oeuvre. [8]
12. Object of the widow's mite. [4]
14. Funny ossification? [7]
16. Famines, which could have no right to cause these! [7]
19. Oregano, dill, etc.—does a runner. (4)
21. Flower and worker point out what's continuing to sound. [8]
24. A mild [sic] attempt to say I never did it. [8]
25. 17 about seductress? (6)
26. If I integrate nudism (it is ungarmented!), I am just not seeing how strong the reaction will be... [15]

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Down:

1. Claret, sugar and soda [OzOED] include what sounds like an entry to war [i.e. "battle-door"—goes with the shuttlecock...]
2. Red veg mixes horn-blow and ale. [Toot/beer]
3. Selected Potok? [Chaim...]
4. [Sm]all amounts of burnt stuff in car accidents.
5. "You serious, Shylock?" [©...]
6. Fyodor, Fyodor... your book. [Dostoyevsky]
7. Bird-warble [trills], sans junction in creeks.
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? [A dire tribe indeed...]
18. An aspirated lost one [a stray...] takes the burnt-out castoffs. [7]
20. Productive sex? [Well? ☺]
22. Moral allegory [Parable] not so quiet in good farmland. [6]
23. Any long ladders here? (5)

Across:

8. Those who constructed 90% got what they could out of it. [Well?]
9. Forgers of late 20th century records? [6] [Morrissey et al...]
10. First degree [BSc] and hoi polloi minus second-rate label for a word game. [8]
11. Proclaim with [no nuance]. [8]
12. Poet [does] produce these. [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. [Well?]
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? [Well?]



Harcourt Pool Happenings – March

Water Safety Education Lessons

The YMCA is passionate about ensuring children and adults learn important life skills to be safe in and out of the water. We can come to you to provide a free session on water safety at home; in the pool and at beaches, rivers and dams. The session includes information about the role of lifeguards and basic techniques for first aid. The sessions can be conducted at schools, kinders and tailored for each group. To book a free session contact Anthony Bence 0437 732 685.

Water Aerobics

No matter what age or ability you are, we can provide a comprehensive workout that leaves you feeling great. We also provide floatation devices, music and qualified instructors to take you through the routines. Classes are on Thursday nights at 6pm. Only \$5 for season pass holders and \$8 for casual visitors.

End of Season

The pool season is quickly coming to end for another summer and the last day that the pool will be open is Monday March 11 2019 (public holiday).

Applefest March 9

*Free 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 give-aways to children attending.

Community Diary Dates

Thursday 7 March: 7.30 pm Applefest Art Show opens, ANA Hall, High Street Harcourt

Saturday 9 March: 9 am – 4 pm, Harcourt Applefest. Stanley Park, James Park, Stanley Park North.

Thursday 14 March: 7.30 pm Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

Saturday 23rd February: 4 – 8 pm, Twilight Market, James Park, High Street Harcourt

Monday 18th March: 5pm Closing date and time for community feedback on the Harcourt Playspace. For information read pages 1 and 2 of this edition.

Saturday 6th April: 8 am – 1 pm Uniting Church Pancake stall, outside the Castlemaine Newsagency in Mostyn Street.

Tennis Club: Thursdays 7 pm Social night tennis at the Leisure Centre courts. Cost is \$2 per person.

Bowling Club Dates: See page 15.

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.





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