

# HARCOURT NEWS THE CORE

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Happy Easter

## The Hunt is on ...



Photo by Diana Domonkos

ITS BACK! After a year's absence, the Harcourt Easter Egg Hunt returns to the Oak Forest.

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**Special Cut Out Page:**  
Everything you need to know about preventing Fruit Fly in Harcourt, page 23.

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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.**



## Harcourt Progress Association

### Public Feedback for Applefest

The Applefest organising committee is always keen to improve the experience and operations of the Applefest. Your feedback and suggestions are critical to this process.

Please let us know what you enjoyed and how you think we can improve next year's event by filling in an online survey at

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZWFWBD](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZWFWBD)



*Seen at the Twilight Market*

### 10 Year Anniversary of the Calder Freeway

What a difference a decade makes!

This April represents 10 years since the Calder Highway was relocated from the centre of Harcourt to create the final duplication of the Calder Freeway linking Melbourne and Bendigo.

Removing 4 lanes of traffic and many hundreds of vehicles from the centre of Harcourt has led to the revitalisation of our town. Residents and visitors to the town benefit from a safer and more pleasant environment. We now have a landscaped main road, a regular outdoor market and a soon to be constructed community play space. Guests at the Goldfields Track Cafe can enjoy a peaceful outdoor setting and our central parks and open spaces are much more attractive places to stop and visit.

Join us at the next Twilight market on Saturday 27th April from 4 pm–8 pm to celebrate 10 years since the Calder Highway was relocated and Harcourt was able to reclaim its heart and hub.

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# State Government Proposal for Recreational Craft on Barkers Creek Reservoir

It has come to The Core's attention that the State Government has plans to allow recreational craft on Barkers Creek Reservoir. This objective is included in "Phase 2" of the program titled "Target One Million" which aims to increase the number of Victorians participating in angling to one million by 2020. Many readers will have first heard about Target One Million in the recent announcement about Barkers Creek Reservoir being stocked with 15,000 Golden Perch. Our local member Maree Edwards visited the Reservoir and released 5,000 of the total number of Perch. Target One Million has been established by the State Government under the Minister for Fishing and Boating Jaala Pulford.

Ms Edwards said: "Target One Million boasts many exciting flagship commitments for inland anglers, we are improving fishing access and stocking more fish into our waterways, this is just part of our plan to get more people fishing and getting families and friends out on the water enjoying our great outdoors."

On March 25th, Ms Pulford announced that Better Boating Victoria will be established to ensure boating will be safer, cheaper and easier for all Victorians. The website relating to Better Boating Victoria mentions "Target One Million Phase 2". Within the information it is stated:



A picnic party at Harcourt Reservoir, Vic.

From The Weekly Times 25 April, 1931 via Trove.

"The Victorian Government's commitment of \$27m is to provide a boost to recreational fishing and boating in Victoria, making it cheaper and easier for families to get out on the water." Better Boating Victoria has two main aims under Phase 2: "Better boating and Better fishing."

Under the heading "Better fishing", amongst other initiatives, the following paragraph appears:

"Allow anglers to use boats and kayaks with electric motors on some lakes and reservoirs including Tullaroop, Lauriston, Hepburn, Barkers Creek, Upper Coliban and Malmsbury, with later consideration to be given to Tarago and Devilbend."

Many years ago, Barkers Creek Reservoir was open for unpowered boating. The Core rang Minister Pulford's office to ask about the timeline for this to take place. We were told this will be a long process as much consultation with all stakeholders will have to occur. We were advised to follow up by email and will do so and keep readers

informed as more information becomes available.

From State Government Press Releases and web sites.

See: [transport.vic.gov.au/fishing-and-boating](http://transport.vic.gov.au/fishing-and-boating)

## Colour the picture



### The Calamitous New Year's Day Floods of 1889

Harcourt Valley Heritage and Tourist Centre Inc

Combining newly discovered photographs and contemporary accounts and analysis of more recent floods, this event will explore the extent and damage of the region's single most devastating flood event.

SUN 19 MAY 1.30-4PM

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7 High Street, Harcourt

ADULT \$5



# ANZAC Day, 2019

The guest speaker for Harcourt's ANZAC Day observance will be Hetty Veldman. Hetty will speak on the subject of 'Australian Nurses at War'. The format for the Harcourt observances:

- **2.30 pm**, meet at ANA hall (Heritage Centre) for afternoon tea,
- **2.45 pm**, short talk by Hetty Veldman
- **3.00 pm**, form up for the march to Stanley Park war memorial
- **3.15 pm**, Wreath laying at Stanley Park war memorial.

You are invited to bring a wreath or sheaf of flowers for the wreath laying.

Recent events remind us of just how intertwined are the peoples of Australia and New Zealand. Any feelings of nationalistic rivalry between neighbours across the Tasman Sea evaporated on 25th April 1915 after the landing on what came to be called ANZAC Cove. There 'an alliance of brotherhood' was formed. All are invited to attend and participate.



## Harcourt Valley Primary School Student Council

Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council at Harcourt Valley Primary School!

For their first Charity Fund Raising Day they chose the Smith Family where students were permitted to wear casual dress to school, and were asked to give a gold coin donation. Principal, Andrew Blake said. "The learning goals of the school include building skills in leadership and responsibility. Another one is to develop public speaking skills. All Grade 6 students are required to present a speech to an assembly as to why they would be a good student leader in the role of School Captain and then students and staff vote. The School Captains and Vice Captains become part of the Student Council and then students in other grades have the opportunity to write a letter saying why they think they would be a good Student Councillor. We had a great response from students and this is our biggest Student Council yet," said Mr Blake.

Other days planned as fund raisers are Crazy Hair Day on May 24<sup>th</sup> which will raise money for Camp Quality and at AFL Grand Final time students will wear football team colours. Choosing a charity to support is discussed by the group and then the students do some research on the internet and make a final decision. The Student Council meets once or twice a month and always gets together on the day of a fund raiser to organise the collection of donations.



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*Holidays! That word is sure to raise a smile; the 2019 Student Council at Harcourt Valley Primary School, (in no particular order): Ryah, Isabelle, Shelby, Amina, Dakota, Fletcher, Talise, Heath, Elwyn, Luey and Koby.*

### 2019 School Council Election Results

The School Council Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday March 27. School Council representatives for the 2019 year are: Veronica Budnikas (President), Lorella Burns (Vice-President), Jason McAinch (Treasurer), Brad Turner, Natalie McCarthy, Natalie Broad, Rebecca Edwards, Stacey Turner (Department Education and Training) and Ben Walter (Department Education and Training).





## Kinder Happenings – learning about identity

During first term the children have been busy building skills on 'identity': knowing ourselves and learning about each other. Children who have a strong sense of identity feel safe, secure and supported and learn to interact to others with care, empathy and respect. A strong identity also builds confidence and resilience.

We have been looking at characteristics of ourselves, what makes us unique and how we are all different. We have been singing about our body, learning names of the different parts of our body and what our body can do. We have traced around our hands, traced our bodies, made footprint splashes, measured our height and we have begun to recognise our names in written form. The children each have a name stone which is used with many activities.



*Eliza takes her time in cutting around her body.*

We look forward to some Easter surprises next week and will plant our autumn seedlings before enjoying the Easter break.

Happy kinder days

*Lisa Gray (Educational Leader)*

## Harcourt Play Group

A 30th Anniversary is significant for any community group. The Harcourt Play Group will celebrate 30 years of play and socialisation for pre-kinder children in November this year.

The group is a relaxed gathering of parents and little ones which meets in the Uniting Church Hall in Buckley Street every Friday from 9.30 to 11.30 am. Currently eleven families are on the list of attendees. Each family brings a snack to share and pays \$2.50 a week.

The group has access to the hall and the secure pre-school play area and come rain or shine there are plenty of activities.

If you are an interested parent looking to join, contact Lynda Quinton on 5474 2534. You can find out more about the Harcourt Play Group on its Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/harcourt.playgroup](http://www.facebook.com/harcourt.playgroup)



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## Harcourt Uniting Church

No doubt you have eaten some hot cross buns by now as they have been in the shops for many weeks – in fact some appeared in supermarkets in late December!

Harcourt Uniting Church will celebrate Easter with a Good Friday Church Service on Friday April 19th at 8.30 am in the Church then on Easter Sunday we will meet at the BBQ area in Stanley Park for an early morning service at 7.30 am – not quite a Dawn Service but we always enjoy hearing the sound of birds singing as Harcourt stirs. BYO breakfast will be enjoyed after the service along with some Easter eggs of course. This is a very informal time and everyone is welcome to join us.

Recently we celebrated Harvest Thanksgiving which (as it sounds) is a service of thanks for the abundant food we enjoy in our community. The table was laden with a variety of food and beautiful Chaplin apples and pears. The food was then donated to our Uniting Church Outreach program in Bendigo.

Harcourt Uniting Church is a very welcoming congregation and you are invited to join us any Sunday at 9 am followed by morning tea in the Hall.

*Jan Jenkin*



*Rev Sarah Tomilson at the Harvest Thanksgiving table.*



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## Moments In Between

By Anita Le Lievre

The end of summer approaches  
But for now the sun shines  
As night falls the cold encroaches  
Scatters itself like cockroaches  
Under brightly lit moons  
And stars that wink secrets  
Hidden within the dark in between  
The wishes rarely ever seen  
By the mere mortals here on earth  
As we dig our wishes into the dirt  
Leaves will soon cover them  
Bury them deeper with their death  
And leave the branches bereft  
Of their colour and form  
Naked timber left to shiver  
Through the inevitable winter  
Through days that struggle to warm  
Fingertips and branches bare  
Days short, yet long compared  
To the balmy days of late summer  
That are dappled with sunlight  
In the time between the morning and the night

## LIMERICK *by The Bard of North Harcourt*

I was making my debut at cricket.  
I was bowling my first ball; a wicket!  
But then I was told  
A no-ball I'd bowled,  
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# Harcourt CWA at Applefest

Well what can I say, other than what a wonderful Harcourt Applefest. The weather was kind, the crowds were plentiful, the stalls and activities catered for all tastes and interests, and family fun was once again the number one priority

Applefest started as usual with the Art Show on Thursday night and two of our members, Joy Robertson and Melva Graham, received many positive comments about their entries - in fact someone made more than a positive comment about one of Joy's entries as the painting was proudly wearing a red sticker by the end of the night. Well done Joy.



*Joy and Melva admire the artworks.*



*George Milford and Peter Perry announce the Judge's Results.*

Our beautiful bird bath raffle which was donated by our very own Jenny Steiner was a huge success, and I'm sure the lucky winner in Barkers Creek is very pleased with her \$2 investment.

Our CWA Stall did a roaring trade in Marlene's Marvellous Muffins and our preserves are always very popular, so well done to the ladies who baked and preserved and gave of their time.



*Marie Twyford was kept busy selling tickets in our Raffle.*

And what a success for the Phoenix Chewton CWA in running the CWA Tea Room and for Ayrton Teed in organising the CWA Rest Area. Congratulations ladies, you did so well in bringing the ideals of the early CWA members into the 21st Century.



*The members of Phoenix Chewton are ready to go in the Tea Room.*



*CWA Applefest stall.*

So 2019 Applefest has come and gone, and we can now look forward to the remaining events on our calendar, starting with Association Day on April 4th. I will tell you all about that next month.

*Lyn Rule – Harcourt CWA Publicity Officer.*



# Harcourt CFA

## Dry Conditions Continue

The dry conditions of a long hot summer have continued into autumn and fire restrictions remain in force in all municipalities of Victoria as we enter the last days of the month of March. At this stage it is unknown when fire restrictions may be lifted, but in the meantime it is important to continue to take all precautions in any procedure that may accidentally start a fire; check the fire danger ratings and also be prepared in case of a fire starting. There is limited grass around so mowers and slashers can remain in the shed, and any remnant ungrazed grass is being dealt with by the abundant kangaroos looking for something to eat. The forecast still indicates a warmer and drier than average autumn, but hopefully the Harcourt Valley will receive the long awaited April showers!

## Applefest Activities

Once again the brigade was well supported with a steady stream of the Applefest crowd visiting the fire station to view our vehicles, source fire related information, ask questions and for the children to participate in our "Squirty Truck Races". These were a real hit with the kids and it was good to see the skills and understanding of what to do displayed by many of them. Perhaps we may have even planted the seed of future fire fighters for the brigade. Captain Koala also took the opportunity for a stroll through the market, meeting many kids and some older ones too. Our wood raffle was once again well supported; thank you to all who entered. Our winner this year was Danielle Evans from Harcourt North. To end the day off, we had a call out to a

car fire off Franklins Track in Woodbrook. As we were at the station we had a quick turnout and therefore the fire had not spread very far into the surrounding vegetation, but it was very close to a shed when our first tanker arrived. This is an important reminder that fire prevention works should not only be done around your home but also around the other buildings and assets you have on your property.

## March Callouts

The brigade has attended more fires on Mount Alexander which has become quite a concern for us, especially as the last two were of a suspicious nature. Castlemaine Police are investigating further and have called on the public for further information that might help with their investigation.

The mount is a very popular camping and activities destination throughout the summer period with visitors coming from near and far. We advise anyone travelling out of their home area to reset the Vic Emergency App on their phone. It is a very handy tool to have but it's not much good if the watch zone is not reset to the area being visited.

The smoke drift through the Harcourt Valley from the larger fires in the East of the state resulted in two callouts which required investigating. While it is good for the public to be proactive in reporting fires, on these occasions when conditions spread the smoke over large distances, VicFire receive many fire calls resulting in an increase in false alarms. While actual flames or smoke columns are good indicators of a fire nearby, smoke drift is quite a bit different as it generally has quite a strong bush burning smell and can be quite thick if conditions are right. While we want the public to report fires we would prefer not to have the unnecessary callouts, but, if in doubt, call us out.

The brigade's CFA tanker had a short deployment to the Bunyip fire as part of a District 2 strike team working at night on the southern boundary of the fire. This was to be a two to three day deployment, but was cut short due to an impending higher fire risk in Central Victoria at the time. As our tanker was making the journey home on the Monash Freeway, South Australian resources were heading the other way to lend a hand. It was good to see the Australian tradition of helping a mate out still continues within the fire services and that the surge capacity of the CFA still exists in these testing times.

## Beware Of Dangerous Wiggles!

One of the latest product safety recalls involves GIRLS FRILL SLEEVE PYJAMAS – EMMA WIGGLES sold nationally in BIG W stores. The frills on the top do not comply with the requirements of mandatory Safety Standards and pose a potential fire hazard. These should be returned to any BIG W store for a full refund. This is a timely reminder of the hazards around the home during the winter months and that fire safety is an all year round consideration.

Stay safe and fire aware.

*Tyrone Rice  
Brigade Community Safety Coordinator*





# Local Crafter at Opening of Create@Harcourt

I was introduced to Gail McDaniel at the opening of Create@Harcourt on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Gail works in a number of media and has an abiding interest in crafting. Gail originally hails from Werribee and used to work on the line at the Toyota Factory. At forty years of age she took on an adult apprenticeship in Fitting and Turning. She has welding equipment in her shed and uses it to weld and bend in wire and metal. One of her favourite creations is Andre Rieu made of bent pipes and wire, complete with chain mail hair. This seems a far cry from crochet, knitting and weaving in which she is self-taught.

Gail has been living in Harcourt for a couple of years and works at Castlemaine Health in Castlemaine. She regularly uses recycled materials including wool and old picture frames collected from op shops. In her time at Toyota Gail regularly entered the annual exhibition for employees which was displayed at Toyota Head Office. One year the challenge was to build a recycled car, so Gail completed one using papier mache! She works at least a minimum of two hours a day on her craft.



*The large craft table was a drawcard for crafters who demonstrated their skills and swapped ideas.*

Kerry Lay of Create@Harcourt was delighted with the attendance at the opening of Create@Harcourt. She said, "At least 100 people attended and they came from the other side of Melbourne, Geelong, Cohuna and just down the road." The crowds were buzzing when I arrived just after lunch on Sunday and there was a great deal of interest shown by visitors as they inspected the facilities, including pleasant bedrooms, lounge and kitchen areas. The huge craft table was a drawcard and many creative works were on show.

Create@Harcourt is designed for weekends away by like-minded people who work on craft activities socially or who wish to have a quiet weekend away together. For further information see: [www.createretreats.com.au](http://www.createretreats.com.au)



*Gail McDaniel has been creating since she was 14 years of age and says she was motivated by colours and different life forms for her 3D work on the Barrier Reef. This mixed media piece called "Bottom of the Sea" won first prize at both the Bendigo and Castlemaine shows. She has made more than one of these and sent one to the Stop the Adani Coal Mine group to raffle for a fundraiser.*



Our small and busy group is continuing to make vital contributions to the environment in Harcourt. The Fruit Fly Action Group is a sub-committee of Harcourt Valley Landcare; read about how to deal with the threat of Fruit Fly on page 23 of this edition.

Other activities for this year include the continuing work on the Wetland on Barkers Creek with the Primary School. Trent Gibson has been planning this year's activities and liaising with the school. Nicole Howie will again be working with the children in class and beside the creek. There will be four sessions for the students with the program commencing in Term 2.

There is an exciting project in the wind for mass removal of pine trees on Mount Alexander; details will be revealed soon.

Residents along Victoria Road have expressed a desire to "gang up" on the willows and weeds along the creek. Glenys and Chris Downing have presented some ideas to our group and we plan to apply for funds this year to commence this exciting project.

The group enjoyed its time at the Applefest this year and experienced good sales of plants supplied by Frances Cincotta of Newstead Natives. The colourful bird photo matching game was an interesting attraction for many. We had a box of apples to give away; a big thank you goes to Thompson's Orchard for supplying these.



*Judy, Moira, Bonnie, Richie and baby Nina at the Landcare stall at Applefest.*

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The bank was overwhelmed with the number of applications that flooded in for the recent grants program.

"We received over 70 eligible grant applications from around the region, with community groups asking for amounts ranging from \$500 to \$35,000" said Maldon & District Community Bank® Chairman Ross Egleton.

"It's been a challenge deciding on the allocation of funding, given the huge demand for support. We have worked hard to stretch the grants as far as possible across the communities we serve."

The 23<sup>rd</sup> April event will also be a celebration of 20 years of community banking in the region.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating two decades of community banking. We opened the Maldon Bank branch in 1999 when the big banks left town. Not long after we opened smaller branches in the Newstead and Dunolly RTCs. We're proud of our service to the community and of returning \$3 million back to the communities of Harcourt, Maldon, Newstead, Dunolly and districts," said Ross.

In the last 20 years profits from the Maldon & District Community Bank® have supported local schools and preschools, purchased fire engines, built community facilities and playgrounds, boosted our local sporting clubs and helped with festival and events.

"We are keen to celebrate this success with the communities we serve, and look forward to continuing to contribute to the success of our local communities. We'd love to see Harcourt residents and community groups come along to mark this milestone with us," commented Ross.

"All are welcome to attend the community celebration on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. There will be entertainment and refreshments – so come along."

The event commences at 7 pm at the Maldon Community Centre (6 Francis Street).

For more information drop into our branch at the Newstead RTC or contact the Maldon Branch on 5475 1747 or the Executive Officer Karly Smith on [executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au](mailto:executiveofficer@mdcb.com.au)



### Information Wanted

Do you Know who were the King and Queen of Applefest in 1998?

The Applefest Committee is putting together a comprehensive list of every King and Queen of Applefest. However, the names of the King and Queen for 1998 remain a mystery.

If you know who they were, please contact Wendy Barron on 0419 642 569.

*Phil Carlyle*

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# Update on Plan Harcourt

Mount Alexander Shire Council has released an update on Plan Harcourt with a new paper on what it heard from the community during the first round of consultation on the project.

Plan Harcourt aims to consolidate and develop long term strategic plans for the town to set the scene for future development.

The What We Heard paper highlights five key themes that have emerged that will shape the preparation of the strategic plan.

The themes include:

1. Managing growth and development in a village setting,
2. defining the town centre,
3. access and transport connections,
4. the importance of apple growing and vineyards,
5. and the value of open spaces, native trees and views to Harcourt's identity and sense of place.

"Council received feedback through 39 written submissions, 56 surveys and more than 40 big ideas on an online interactive map. We will use the feedback summarised in the What We Heard paper to guide the next stage of the project," said Lauren Watt, Acting Coordinator Strategic Planning.

Plan Harcourt will include a Township Framework Plan and a Place Activation Plan, and is expected to come back

to the community for further feedback around mid-year. The draft plan will make recommendations for zonings to guide future land use, plans to improve connectivity and enhance the town centre, and ways to protect valued assets.

To find out more about the project, download the What We Heard paper from Council's website or pick up a copy from around town. The report is available from the Goldfields Track Café, Harcourt Post Office, Harcourt Service Station, and the Civic Centre in Castlemaine.

For more information visit [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/PlanHarcourt](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/PlanHarcourt) or contact Strategic Planning by email [info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au) or phone (03) 5471 1700.

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## Harcourt Lions



The Harcourt & District Lions Club will be holding their AGM on **Friday the 5th April 2019** at the Victorian Miniature Railway Club Room.

Arrival time will be 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

All are welcome to join us.

To confirm your attendance, please contact the Club Secretary on **0418 372 336**



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# APPLEFEST

## Applefest Art Show

The success of the 2019 Applefest Art Show was due to the increased activity near the ANA Hall, the involvement of Harcourt Valley Primary School, the support of our sponsors, the liveliness of the local art scene and the phenomenal good work of Chewton Phoenix CWA in the tea room.

Art Show attendances were almost double the previous year's number. We hope that everyone had a happy and fun day as was experienced at the ANA Hall.

The children's art work was in two sections: the works created by the students of Kris Browning of Simpson St Campbell's Creek and the handiwork of EVERY student at HVPS. The theme for the year was "Apple Pie" and there were 'four and twenty blackbirds' everywhere to be seen, as well as some yummy-looking model pies.

The Art Show included some work from clients of Access Creative Studios of Peppergreen Farm and Eaglehawk. This was of exceptionally high quality. We are proud that the Harcourt Art Show provides an incentive for folk to demonstrate their creativity.

Some really memorable and skilful art works were submitted Art Show judge Peter Perry had a hard time selecting the winners.

### AWARDS

Best in Show (Chairman's Award) \$300

Artist: Leonie Auhl Title: "Sculptured by Nature"

Highly Commended Oil/Acrylic ASQ voucher \$50

Artist: Ben Winspear Title: "Harcourt Haze"

Best Oil/Acrylic (Cameron Lang Memorial Award) \$150

Artist: Valerie Blake Title: "I've just had an Apple Pie"

Highly commended Watercolour ASQ voucher \$50

Artist: Janet Smith Title: "Summer Roses"

Best Watercolour (Shirley Stewart Memorial Award) \$150

Artist: Jill Reid Connors Title: "Along the Sutton Grange Road"

Highly Commended Other Medium ASQ voucher \$50

Artist: Carolyn Marrone Title: "Solitude"

Best Other Medium \$150

Artist: Helen Wakefield Title: "Wee Birdies"

Highly Commended Local Subject ASQ voucher \$50

Artist: Josephine Walsh Title: "Pears"

Best Local Subject \$150

Artist: Nina Dougall Title: "Summer Showers, Mt Alexander"

### STUDENT AWARDS

Highly Commended Junior 12 years & under \$20

Artist: Nicola White Title: "Jumping Jumpsuit"

Best Junior 12 years & under \$40

Artist: Bethany Carlton Title: "Lest We Forget Bear"

Highly Commended Senior 13 to 18 years \$30

Artist: Micah Meadows Title: "Bee"

Best Senior 13 to 18 years \$60

Artist: Alex Rodgers Title: "Daisy"

Left: Cameron Lang Memorial Award winning artist Val Blake stands with her subject and husband John, in front of "I've just had an Apple Pie." The painting which was the Best Oil/Acrylic at the Applefest Art show depicts John leaning on a steam driven engine.



Rebecca Edwards and Jarrod Coote, Queen and King of Applefest, continued their Royal Duties leading up to the big day of Applefest.



Graham and Kay are stalwarts at the bar for the Applefest Art Show. A glass of wine always comes with a cheery smile from both.



Smiles all round as the Applefest Art Show winners gathered. Thirteen awards were made on the night with a total value of \$1,250 making it well worth while entering this annual show. The awards range from Best in Show and recognised work in a number of media and also the work of younger artists



# ROUNDUP



*The huskies were a big draw card on the day. (Photo supplied by Lyn Rule.)*



*Granny Smith, better known as Kay Francis, sets out for Applefest. (Photo supplied by Kay.)*



*It seems that the numbers attending were the biggest ever experienced in the history of Applefest. (Photo supplied by Lyn Rule.)*



*Rousing music was heard from the Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band as they led the procession into Stanley Park. (Photo supplied by Lyn Rule.)*



*Right: Children were drawn to the clowns as they made their way through the crowd. (Photo supplied by Suzanne Dwyer.)*

## Show 'n' Shine

While fewer vehicles were submitted to the Show 'n' Shine this year they were not without interest.

The oldest was a 1924 AJS motor bike ridden to the event by Joe Norris. The oldest sedan was Colin Eastes 1924 'Erskine' which had an unusual feature in that the side windows slide up into the roof. The 'Erskine' was produced in America by Studebaker. The judges found it difficult to pass by Roger Robinson's Morris Minor 1978 'Clubman'. This is a rare sight; only 800 of these were made. Frank Robins' 1952 Ford 'Customline' brought back memories. One of the best kept vehicles was Ernie and Gayle Jenkins'

1965 left-hand drive curry-coloured Mustang.

Many vehicles were in original condition, only modified by the addition of indicator lights, and every car seen was admired for the dedication, care and attention so obviously given by their proud owners.

One owner, on behalf of all the award winners said "we were totally chuffed at our award, a lovely gift pack of Harcourt produce."

Thanks to Harcourt Auto Wreckers for sponsoring this year's Applefest Show 'n' Shine.



*Local band Summer Rain performed outside the Art Show. (Photo supplied by Suzanne Dwyer.)*







# News from Harcourt Bowling Club

## PENNANT NEWS

Once again the Club was well represented in the Finals series this year. Weekend Pennant Division 3 and 5 and Midweek Division 4 all competed. Although the fives went out in the first round it was a mighty effort for their first year in that higher division.

Congratulations to Midweek Pennant Division Four – Grand Final winners at last! A fourteen year drought has been broken. During those years teams have played in finals many times but have not been able get the better of their opponents.

The supporters were treated to some great bowling by both teams on the day at Bendigo Bowling Club. Harcourt has had some good tussles with Strathfieldsaye throughout the year and were too strong on the day for their opponents.

The jubilant team was treated to a warm reception on return to the Club. Well done to you all! Results were:

**Division Four** – Harcourt 74 defeated Strathfieldsaye 58. Joan Bath(s) Kaye Grant, Jean Pogue, Allan Nicholls 29/21; Heather Braid(s) Kay Francis, Lorna Davey, Frances Collins 19/23; Judi Miles (s) Chris Anderson, Moira Straw, Darrell Normington 26/14. Emergency: Judy Ewing.



Players L-R: Lorna Davey, Frances Collins, Kay Francis, Joan Bath, Heather Braid, Jean Pogue, Kaye Grant, Darrell Normington, Chris Anderson, Alan Nicholls, Judi Miles, Moira Straw. (Absent Emergency - Judy Ewing)

A good contingent of supporters was at Bendigo Bowling Club to cheer on **Weekend Division Three** in the Grand Final against Bendigo East. This is the second consecutive year the threes have contested the Flag. However, despite a promising start they were not able to get the better of the stronger Bendigo East team. The Results were:

**Division 3** – Bendigo East 96 Harcourt 76 Gary Maddern (s) Terry Chisholm, Brett Jenkinson, Darrell Normington 16/30;



Weekend Division Three Grand Finalists

Danny Pettingil (s) Brian Smith, Wendy Chaplin, Brian Leech, 18/21; Leo Moloney (s) John Kays, Grahame Hill, Rod Harris, 21/27; Tony Olsson (s) Steven Douglas, John Grant, Phil Clarke 21/18 Emergency Heather Braid .

## Ladies Drawn Pairs

The Club gold letter Ladies Drawn Pairs event took place on the evening of Tuesday March 5th with 10 teams competing. At the end of play the ladies were treated to a sumptuous two-course meal prepared, cooked and served by a group of the men, led by Col Foster. The winners on the night were Joan Bath and Judy Ewing. Runners Up on a count-back were Moira Straw and Joy Starbuck.



Ladies Drawn Pairs Winners (left) Joan Bath & Judy Ewing and runners-up, Moira Straw & Joy Starbuck

## Men's Gough Drawn Pairs

The Men's Drawn Pairs was held on Thursday 21st March. The competition was pretty keen among the 8 teams competing. Winners on the night were Brian Buchanan and Brian Smith on 38 points. Runners up on 34 were Brian Leech and Dave Jefferies.



Men's Gough Drawn Pairs winners Brian Buchan & Brian Smith and R/U Brian Leech & Dave Jefferies

## Fortnightly Friday Foodies

This has proved very popular and has been well attended each fortnight.

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

The **100-Up Championship** is still underway and will be completed by April. The **Nominated Pairs** is also going along



well. The **Harcourt 100**, with the women and men playing against each other is also making slow progress.

### ***Kidman Invitation Fours Tournament Rescheduled to Saturday 30th March***

Wilma and Brian Kidman will again return to Harcourt to host the Annual Kidman Mixed Fours Tournament on Saturday 30th March 2019. Wilma and Brian, past stalwarts of the club have sponsored this event since leaving Harcourt. This is another hotly contested event among local and visiting players; more on this in the May edition of the Core.

## **What's on at the Bowling Club?**

With the nights getting cooler the fortnightly Barefoot Bowls is winding down. The occasional night will be on offer, depending on the weather. Watch out for notices locally.

### ***Coming up in April and May***

- Friday April 12th – Friendly Friday Foodies
- Saturday April 13th – Rice Memorial Mixed Triples Tournament
- Saturday April 13th – End of Season Presentation Night and Breakup
- Friday April 26th – Friendly Friday Foodies
- Friday May 10th – Friendly Friday Foodies
- Sunday May 19th – Annual General Meeting at 11 am – followed by BBQ lunch and social bowls
- Friday May 24th – Friendly Friday Foodies



**Harcourt FNC invites Boys and Girls aged 4–12 to register for Auskick 2019.**

A fun packed 12 week program to introduce kids to AFL, building football and teamwork skills in a safe and super fun setting.

Season Starts on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 4.15-5.30pm

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Register at play.afl/auskick

**Come down to our try for free day and meet the team**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 4 – 5.30pm**

## **Swing Fit Golf for Women**



In conjunction with GolfVic, we are fortunate to have Dean Dixon, Bendigo District Professional Coach, on site to run an innovative women's program called Swing Fit.

Swing Fit is a beginners program that includes five 75-minute sessions, once a week, combining golf tuition and an exercise program.

Between hitting buckets of balls, the women do a series of exercises combining strength, fitness and flexibility, with a bit of yoga thrown in.

All are designed to strengthen the muscles that get the most workout during a round of golf.

### **Details are:**

Start date: Tuesday 2nd April  
Time: 1.30 to 2.45 pm  
Duration: 5 weeks (2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 April)  
Cost: \$10 per session

This program has been timed so that participants can join in with our women members for a cuppa and a chat after they have played their regular Tuesday game.

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# Harcourt Heritage Centre

## Edward William Bagshawe – Surveyor

Edward William Bagshawe, surveyor, was camping on the Mount Alexander squatting run of Dr William Barker on 21st July 1851 when he saw samples of gold produced by William Campbell of Campbells Creek. At the time he was surveying the homestead block of 640 acres in order for Dr Barker to complete his pre-emptive right of purchase.

In 1851 E W Bagshawe was just 18 years of age. He had been born into a military family at Gorruckpore, Bengal, India, on 13th Dec 1832. We assume he served a term as an apprentice surveyor before emigrating to Adelaide at age 17. From South Australia he came to Melbourne gaining employment in the Survey Dept, reporting to W S Urquhart, District Surveyor. Bagshawe must have been a competent surveyor because his field books were used to rectify a predecessor's bungled survey of the northern boundary of Dr Barker's 640 acre homestead block. The Survey staff had its fair share of land-measurers and chainmen but men who had advanced mathematical skills quickly came to prominence. Bagshawe was in the latter group.

Gold discovery, and the rush to get rich broke up the survey parties but E W Bagshawe remained in government employ. He was one of the survey party under Urquhart who laid out the township of Castlemaine. He then surveyed and marked out the town allotments of Harcourt. This was in 1853. E W Bagshawe's signature appears in the upper right hand corner of the first map of the allotments in the mostly unpopulated Harcourt town ship. The Goldfields Commissioner gave Bagshawe's name to the southernmost street in the new town.

In 1854 E W Bagshawe left the employ of the Survey Department to set up an office in Barker Street Castlemaine as private surveyor and agent. Settlers outside the town boundaries had to have their land surveyed before they could commence the steps to purchase the land from the Government. With plenty of ex-goldminers in the district there was a lot of work for a private surveyor. At the outset the business traded as Bagshawe and Pearce. (J W Pearce had been Dr Barker's overseer.) This partnership was dissolved in October 1854 and the business traded for a while as 'Phillips and Bagshawe'. Routine advertisements claimed that the business always had land on sale.

E W Bagshawe was at a meeting held in Castlemaine in March 1855 to petition for a municipality. The Mount Alexander Mail's report of the meeting, referred to "Mr. Bagshawe, the eminent surveyor." (He was then aged 22.)

In 1857 Edward William Bagshawe married Rosetta Purdey. The couple had three daughters, Adeline, Edith and Louise.

Bagshawe got into the habit of writing Letters to the Editor denouncing official or political "puff", "bounce or bombast". An 1857 letter went so far as to denounce a "tyrannical rate collector" who demonstrated "impertinent and extraordinary" behaviour.

As a surveyor Bagshawe could see the logic of bringing water from the Coliban to the goldfields. In fact, in a letter to the *Castlemaine Mail* in November 1860 he claimed to be the originator of the scheme subsequently adopted. Unfortunately he had put his views, in 1858 under a *nom-de-plume*, so he cannot be definitely credited with this initiative.

The Victorian Government Gazette reveals that in June 1859 E W Bagshawe was appointed a magistrate, a post that he held until June 1862. This role put a big burden on E W Bagshawe because there were frequent sittings of the local Police Court. E W Bagshawe was also a member of Castlemaine Town Council from 1859.

By 1860 Bagshawe was advertising as an insurance agent. A sign on the wall of the child care centre in Templeton Street is evidence of this. The barely readable sign must date from the late 1860s.

In 1861/62, E W Bagshawe was Honorary Secretary of the Castlemaine District Horticultural Society. By 1863 he was Honorary Secretary of the Castlemaine District Agricultural Society.

In the course of his business as a Surveyor and Commission Agent Bagshawe became embroiled in the affairs of the Old Specimen Reef Company. It seems that by being "Johnny on the Spot", Bagshawe became the company's Manager. The company did not pay its way, its books and administration were in a mess and the real promoters stayed in Melbourne out of the way of the company's creditors. Bagshawe defended his role in the company in a long letter to the "Mail" in October 1860. It appears that his character was unbesmirched by this experience. A new role opened up for Bagshawe in April 1862 when he was appointed to the Castlemaine Mining Board. In May 1864 Edward Bagshawe became Mining Surveyor and Mining Registrar. This role was a government appointment, so he must have been vigorous, well-connected, skilful in surveying, and versed in mining matters.

The name of E W Bagshawe disappears from the columns of the 'Mount Alexander Mail' after 1868. It appears that he moved, firstly to Maryborough (where he was Hon Secretary of the Agricultural Society) and then to Fitzroy. In 1884 he gave his business address as 17 Little Collins Street, West. After residing in Fitzroy from 1877 to 1895 he again moved to 4 Clara Street, South Yarra where he died on 14th December 1899, the day after his 67th birthday. E W Bagshawe was buried in the St Kilda Cemetery.

During the entirety of his career in Harcourt and Castlemaine E W Bagshawe was known for his skill as a surveyor, for his quick perception and for his willingness to enter the public arena. He was comfortable putting across his point of view. But it comes as a revelation to find that the surveyor who laid out Harcourt Township was only 20 years of age at the time.

**This is one of a series of thumbnail sketches of the pioneers compiled for The Core by Harcourt Heritage Centre.**





## Councillor Comment

Hi all,

It was great to see the Castlemaine State Festival in full swing. It certainly puts our district on the map and brings a lot of people to the area.

### *Gardens and Farms*

On the home front the garden and the farm desperately need rain. Stock water levels need to be monitored as well as the feed supply. Anyone who has hay for sale let me know. I could use some more!! My recollection is that it is often dry until Easter. The cereal crops do best if they are in the ground around ANZAC day.

### *ANZAC Day*

Talking about ANZAC day, it is important time to reflect on those who have served to establish and maintain the freedom that we enjoy today. I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at our various ANZAC day ceremonies.

### *Council Discussions around Solar Farms*

Solar farms are in the news and are being discussed at Council. I don't like the term solar farm as in my view it does not have much to do with farming. What we are talking about is the establishment of power stations in the farming zone. This is not really the use intended for farms in my view. The proposed Baringhup Solar Farm came before Council at our meeting last week. As a result, Council decided to ask the Minister to decide the matter. It will be interesting to hear the outcome from that. Of course many of us like the idea of solar power. It's just that we don't want it next to us!

### *Broiler Farm at Baringhup*

On the subject of Baringhup I hear the latest is that the opponents to the broiler farm at Baringhup have purchased the site from the developer. If this is correct it demonstrates a level of conviction that has to be admired. I wonder who will wear the legal costs expended to date?

A few of my farming mates at Baringhup seem to be resistant to change. It will be interesting to see how they go in regards to the solar proposal.

### *School holidays*

Many families are looking forward to the end of first term and the opportunity for a holiday before the really cold weather sets in. Please remember to have your vehicle checked before you travel, and stay safe!

Very best regards to all,

Tony  
AG Cordy  
0439742434



**Castlemaine District  
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## Harcourt Walking Group

Castlemaine District Community Health's walking group in Harcourt is now 5 years old.

Over the years, members have reported many benefits of participating, both physical and social.



The group meet at the Harcourt ANA Hall and Museum at 7 High Street on Mondays and Thursdays at 9.30 am. Together they decide the route and length of the walk. Some stay for a cuppa (for a small donation) after the walk.

"There is no need to book if you want to join us; you can simply decide to come on the morning. What most people find however is that they look forward to coming weekly for both the social and physical benefits," says Wendy Barron, who has volunteered with the group since its start.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and it is for all ages and abilities.

**What:** Harcourt Walking Group

**When:** 9.30 am every Monday and Thursday morning

**Where:** ANA Hall & Museum – 7 High St Harcourt.

**Bring:** Comfortable shoes, hat and water bottle

For more information phone Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000.



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## The Singing Barista

You may have met James Park who works as a barista at Goldfields Track Café. "When my mother gave me a CD for my birthday with Pavarotti singing Nessun Dorma (None Shall Sleep), I heard that wonderful voice and I was instantly transfixed and inspired. I liked to sing and could hold a tune, but I had never considered a career as an opera singer, but I decided that would be my vocation," he said.

At the time James was given the CD he was working on the Gold Coast, but once he had heard that famous voice he set out to find a singing teacher. Over the years he has had a number of teachers, but one or two stand out. Vern Mackie was one. James said, "It was doubly fortuitous that Vern lived on the Gold Coast and had learnt from a teacher who taught Beniamino Gigli who became prominent after the death of Caruso." While continuing with his music lessons, James gave up green keeping but stayed on the Gold Coast and opened up a café and bar featuring mainly Italian cuisine. In order to practice his craft James organised "Dinner and Show" nights with themed meals; between courses James would sing and play the accordion. While in Queensland James also trained with Jason Barry Smith from Opera Queensland and obtained work with that company and with Gold Coast Opera.

James grew up in Echuca and when his mother moved to Castlemaine, he thought he would try living down this way as well. He said, "My confidence has grown as I learn more and develop my voice. I came to live in Central Victoria to be near Mum but I'm also close to Melbourne and I am now in the chorus of Melbourne Opera. I have performed in two operas with them: Rossini's "Othello" and Wagner's "Flying Dutchman". I have lessons once a week with Gary May who was trained at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and has forty years' experience in training singers in musical theatre and opera. I feel my voice has reached a peak in tonal quality and I am very comfortable where the sound "sits" in the voice. I will be auditioning with other opera companies this year and my ultimate goal is to become a soloist."

Not only has James fallen in love with opera, especially Italian opera, but along the way he has had to learn to read music, stagecraft, and the German and Italian languages. James' determination is very impressive; he has been learning to sing now for 20 years with the last one and a half years being the most intense. He practices for a minimum of one to one and a half hours a day and works part time so he can concentrate on his craft.

On the 10th April James will be speaking to Castlemaine Rotary about his journey to, and in, classical singing. But you can catch him at the Goldfields Track Café and he may sing for you as he did for patrons on the first pasta night held in March at the café.



*Coffee and a song. James Park is pursuing his career as an opera singer and working part time at the Goldfields Track Café in Harcourt.*



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## End of Season Tasks with your Fruit Trees



*Male fruit fly trap*

As you've no doubt read elsewhere in the Core, Harcourt's had the first confirmed occurrence of fruit fly. Eeek! It's easy to panic, but in the words of Landcare's Terry Willis (who's heading the Fruit Fly Action Group): "Everyone take a deep breath and let it out slowly. Do that two more times. And say we are doing the best we can do with limited time and resources." We won't go into fruit fly in our column, but please read Landcare's message this month, particularly the part about taking responsibility for your own monitoring—put out traps! (see page 23).

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

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

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

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](http://www.growgreatfruit.com)), and a free weekly online workshop called "The 5 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit" (sign up at: [growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing](http://growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing)).

## ASQ Plant of the Month Autumn Foliage

You don't need to wait for spring arrive to enjoy a colourful garden! Plant some autumn foliage trees and enjoy a spectacular display of fiery tones earlier in the year.

If you're looking to break up an evergreen-dominated landscape, choose some autumn-loving trees and watch as your garden warms up with gold, red and purple foliage come autumn. From claret ash to ginkgo, maples and liquidambar – the options are endless, and there's something to suit every garden and budget.

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### Youth Awards Festival

Come along to the Youth Awards Festival and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our local young people. The free event will be held from 4.00pm to 7.00pm on Friday 5 April at Victory Park, Castlemaine. Enjoy live entertainment, makers' market, food and fun activities and meet winners of the Mount Alexander Shire Youth Awards. The event is part of Victorian Youth Week and delivered by Council's Youth Advisory Group, FReeZa Committee and the Young Makers' Market Committee. This Council initiative is supported by a Victorian Government Youth Week Grant.

### Sign up to a small business workshop

Council offers monthly low-cost workshops to help local small business operators build skills and expertise. The workshops are run in partnership with State Government - Small Business Victoria. Find out about upcoming sessions and book via [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/BusinessResources](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/BusinessResources).

### 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](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Current_Vacancies).

### Help fight 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. Queensland fruit fly has the potential to cause serious devastation to the horticulture industry and backyard gardens. Learn more at [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/FruitFly](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/FruitFly).

### Get active with This Girl Can

Keep an eye out for free and low cost activities planned around the shire in April as part of VicHealth's initiative This Girl Can. The program aims to celebrate and support Victorian women to embrace physical activity in a way that suits them. Research shows that a big reason that women don't try new activities or sports is a fear of being judged, or not being fit enough to start. Find out about opportunities to get involved at [www.thisgirlcan.com.au](http://www.thisgirlcan.com.au) or on Council's Facebook page.

### Council meetings

- 6.30pm, Tuesday 16 April at the Civic Centre
- 6.30pm, Tuesday 21 May at the Civic Centre.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Council meetings are now recorded and broadcast live to the internet via YouTube.

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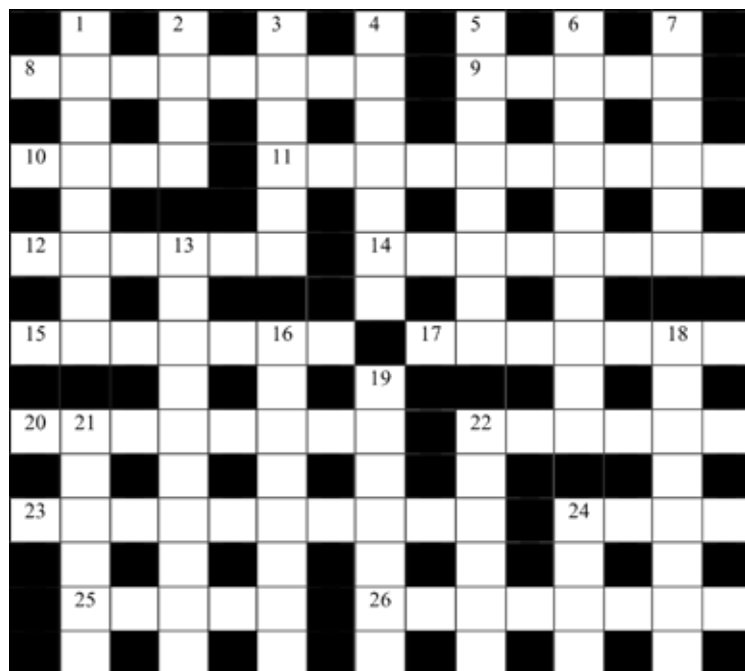
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**Down:**

1. Corn pie makes cheese over a void. [8]
2. On which he galloped into town, we hear... [4]
3. Cummings amid a platter at the restaurant. [6]
4. Confused super-gangster would be as normal with another 'u', but without it is just a once-over... [7]
5. No journey to a goal is left out. [8]
6. Confused dress-designer trapped in the wired-in is over-the-top? [10]
7. Expedition available in a Farsi translation. [6]
13. Place of windy sugar? [5,5]
16. Some sort of '-itis' that toes get? The hard parts, at least... [8]
18. Ref takes a beating in anything, or one. [8]
19. An aspirated lost cat takes in burnt offerings. [7]
21. Dessert nineteenth drops on this pad. [6]
22. Montezuma-trumper turns inside-out to be a mere gigolo... [6]
24. Deadhead has no right to browneye in the sky! (4)

**Across:**

8. The beer a devil mixed for under-18s? [8]
9. Concentration-aid without any right might still shine a light, perhaps, in the deep? [5]
10. Way across river from assembly-line? [4]
11. Horsey google-search with rain falling haphazardly. [10]
12. Gipsy stakes a claim, we hear, to parliamentary mess, sow's bed, and teenager's room. [3-3 or 6]
14. As Brian ain't fit, only odd, say—a l'Americaïne—"from the get-go". [2,6]
15. Can in back room to keep track of what's going on. [7]
17. Dig up one world in Nantes? (7)
20. Takes off: I'm it, but the MP's sinecure is wrecked. [8]
22. Word-play and first lady back to level things. [4-2]
- 23 & 25. Tautological popular fiction? [10, 3-2]
24. These days, with GPS, locations are no longer backed-up in spam. [4]
25. [see 23.]
26. It takes feathers, sometimes, but nothing near rib, to get aloft. [8]

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**Down:**

1. Why argue toss about [T-] 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'm where ships come to for what it conveys.
5. Volcanic idea nets US rock. [8]
6. Barely ours in extract we hear. [6]
7. French termite (or Argentine) put itself at an angle to the wall. [5]
13. Things that occur could make a mean mobile [phone]... [9]
15. He's been a nut, but nobody's cracked him yet. [8]
17. 25 about the house? [Well?]
18. Boost for small thing in the eye? [7]
20. Elites chew 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. The groovy sentiment eventually annoyed me. [Well?]
9. In accord over what fuels consumer capitalism? [Well?]
10. Lyric poem [ode...] [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? [Well?]
16. Famines, which have no right to cause these! [7]
19. Oregano, dill, etc.—it does a runner [Elliott]
21. Flower and worker point [N] out what's continuing to sound. [8]
24. A mild [sic] attempt to say I never did it. [8]
25. 17 about seductress? [Well? re:]
26. If I [integrate nudism] (it is ungarmented), I am just not seeing how strong the reaction will be... [15]

# Community Diary Dates

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

**Saturday 6th April & Sunday 7th April:** Camp Out on the Mount 5.30 pm Saturday with overnight stay; Sunday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, Leanganook Camping Ground Mount Alexander. Contact Asha Bannon: 0418 428 721.

**Thursday 11 April:** 7.30 pm Harcourt Valley Landcare meeting, ANA Hall.

**Friday 19th April:** 8.30 am Good Friday Church Service, Uniting Church Buckley Street

**Sunday 21st April:** 7.30 am Easter Sunday Early Morning Service, Stanley Park barbecue area, BYO breakfast

**Sunday 21st April:** 10 am to 1 pm Easter Egg Hunt in the Oak Forest, see page 1 for details.

**Sunday 27th April:** 4–8 pm Twilight Market James Park, Harcourt.

**Sunday 27th April:** Celebrate the 10 year Anniversary of the Freeway bypass at the Twilight Market.

**Thursday 25th April:** ANZAC Day for details of the Harcourt Memorial Service see page 4.

**Sunday 9th May:** 1.30–4 pm Harcourt Heritage Centre, The Calamitous New Year's Day Floods of 1889 – Part of the Australian Heritage Festival.

**Saturday 25th May:** 4–8 pm Twilight Market James Park, Harcourt.

**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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# IF TASMANIA CAN BEAT FRUIT FLY, SO CAN HARCOURT!

By now you've probably heard that we've had a confirmed case of Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) in Harcourt.

Last year the Harcourt Valley Landcare Group set up a Fruit Fly Action Group and got a small Victorian government grant to write an action plan in preparation for this day—we were just hoping it wouldn't come for many years (or ever!)

It's a sad day, but hopefully not a life sentence. Our small volunteer group has a plan in place, but we need YOUR help. We're determined to contain this outbreak—if Tasmania can do it, so can Harcourt!

If everyone gets informed, together we can protect our vital horticultural industry (so important for jobs, tourism and the identity of Harcourt), and also protect the lifestyle we all love and value of being able to grow fruit and veg in our backyards.

Unfortunately Harcourt isn't eligible for ongoing Victorian government funding to fight fruit fly, and this is how our situation is different to Tasmania—in Harcourt, it's up to us, the government's not going to save us.

Our group is made up of community volunteers, under Harcourt Valley Landcare, with no budget for this project. We're now putting in place an Emergency Action Response. Here's what's happened so far:

- ❖ 15 male QFF monitoring traps have been put out in a grid around the outbreak, and there's still another 5 to put up (Mt Alexander Shire Council has helped by purchasing these traps). There's been nothing found in the traps, and no new reported cases. **A big thanks to all the residents who have allowed us to install traps**—you are helping all of the community by your actions and ongoing monitoring.
- ❖ We've set up a database of traps, including the grid we're establishing, traps in commercial orchards and other traps in the community.
- ❖ We're writing articles, speaking to the media and trying to get the word out to the community as much as possible.
- ❖ We're seeking corporate partners and funding from a variety of sources to give us a "fighting fund".

## Here's what YOU can do to help:

1. If you have fruit trees or are growing vegies in your garden, please take responsibility for your own monitoring and put out a trap. We don't get any government funding for this, so it's up to us. **Get in touch if you want to know what sort of traps you should use.**
2. Please let us know at [harcourtfruitfly@gmail.com](mailto:harcourtfruitfly@gmail.com):
  - when you put out a trap (or if you already have one) as we're collecting data from all the traps in Harcourt;
  - the results of your monitoring, especially if you find suspected larvae or QFF in traps.
3. Have a plan in place for what you'll do if you find QFF. Please get in touch if you want help with writing your plan. Here's some things to think about:
  - QFF pupae can stay in the soil for up to 90 days waiting for the ideal time to emerge. If we get some coming out in the next couple of weeks, they'll be the adults that will overwinter, because if they stay in the ground they die from the cold. If we can catch them now we can prevent

them hanging around to re-infect fruit next season;

- Rain events can trigger them to emerge. If this happens you'll see them in traps about 10 days later;
  - Doing the right thing with infected fruit and tree hygiene is critical to stop this from spreading—boil, solarise (double plastic bagged and left in the sun) or freeze fruit with maggots/larvae in them. Then put in rubbish bin not your compost;
  - Strip trees of fruit not eaten and pick up off ground.
4. Donate to the "fighting fund" under Harcourt Valley Landcare (specify that your donation is for the Fruit Fly Action Group). This will be used for workshops, more traps, possibly spraying if required, and being able to plan a proper response in the event of a bigger outbreak. Even small amounts will help.
  5. Don't share infected fruit, don't bring fruit home from known QFF infected areas, and don't let anyone else bring it here—ask your friendly tradie from Bendigo who's doing work for you about any fruit they're eating.
  6. Talk to your friends and neighbours about the issue to help spread information—ask them whether they've put out a trap.

What would it mean for the people of Harcourt if QFF lived here permanently?

- less fruit and veggies for backyard growers to eat;
- increased cost of buying fruit fly netting for trees and traps;
- removal costs of trees that are prone to fruit fly, like stone fruits;
- mental health and stress that comes with fruit fly (just ask the people in Bendigo).

We don't want QFF in Harcourt. Once established in towns it's nearly impossible to get rid of, so now is our window of opportunity to make sure it doesn't settle in.

If you want to join our group or get more information please get in touch at [harcourtfruitfly@gmail.com](mailto:harcourtfruitfly@gmail.com).

Thanks for your ongoing support.

*Terry Willis & Katie Finlay  
Harcourt Valley Fruit Fly Action Group*

Footnote: Harcourt Fruit Fly Action Group has been successful in obtaining Community Partnership Funding from the Maldon and District Community Bank of \$500 to support the emergency response to fruit fly in Harcourt Valley. Look for an article from the Bank about this funding and how it will be used in the fight against fruit fly in coming editions of The Core.

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# Easter Egg Hunt in the Harcourt Oak Forest

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 10am-1pm**

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