What’s the Big Idea, Harcourt?

Council has received federal government funding to undertake an enquiry into how we stimulate economic growth in Harcourt.

What’s your big idea?

The Harcourt Progress Association are partnering with consultants Hello City to host an Ideas-A-Thon on Saturday 25th May. It’s a fun, free evening of cabaret and competition, hosted by the extraordinarily talented Tracey Candy. All welcome!

See page 3 for more details
Easter Egg Hunt Raises $300 for Applefest

250 children signed up for the Easter Egg Hunt in the Oak Forest on Easter Sunday 21 April. With so many youngsters participating, a good attendance by mums and dads and grandparents was guaranteed.

A relaxed and happy crowd enjoyed the ambience of the Oak Forest, the music, tea and hot cross buns and a snag with sauce in bread. And there were quite a few happy chocaholic kids who came away with plenty of eggs.

Harcourt Progress Association thanks all volunteers who assisted on the day: the Harcourt Lions with the barbecue, the Applefest Committee with hot drinks and buns and community members who assisted with tickets and registration, traffic control and parking and craft activities.

The $300 raised by the event will go towards next year’s Applefest.
Whats the Big Idea?
Find out at the Harcourt Ideas-A-Thon

Harcourt community members are invited to join in a fun night of cabaret and competition at the Harcourt Ideas-A-Thon being held at the Harcourt Bowls Club on Saturday 25th May. Presented by the Harcourt Project Association and hosted by the irrepressible Tracey Candy, the night features live music, entertainment, games, and an ideas competition to see what big ideas we can come up with to drive business opportunities in Harcourt.

The event is part of Shine Harcourt, a project designed to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities. It is supported through the Federal Government’s Building Better Regions program and complements the zoning and planning work of Plan Harcourt which is looking at the Harcourt Township’s long term structural growth.

Shine Harcourt is being facilitated by Melbourne based creative urban strategists Hello City who are specialists at working with communities to understand concepts that enable achievement and barriers to success, and what it will take to allow them to really shine. Hello City have partnered with local Harcourt businesses, the Harcourt Progress Association and the Mount Alexander to develop this project.

Donna McMahon owner-operator of Harcourt’s Goldfields Track Cafe said she is pleased that Council is focussing on efforts to stimulate the local economy.

“As a small business operator, I know that any effort to grow our economy will be of benefit to everyone. Residents, visitors, business operators - we all gain from growing Harcourt’s economy,” said Ms McMahon.

“We need ideas that will help put Harcourt on the map. I hope lots of people will come along on Saturday 25 May to share their ideas and help make Harcourt shine!”

The project starts with the Ideas-A-Thon where community members form teams and compete with their ideas about stimulating the local economy. There are prizes for all sorts of categories, from the weird and the whacky to the most innovative approach. The most viable ideas and their team representatives will progress to the next project stage at an invitation-only Lab Day on Friday 31 May. Participants will join local representatives and experts to workshop the ideas with their collective knowledge and determine a strategic approach for the town.

Come along on Saturday 25th May for a cabaret show with a twist! A licensed bar and dinner options will be available to purchase along with complimentary tea, coffee and snacks. Join us from 5 pm, with the performance commencing at 5.30 pm and the ideas competition kicking off at 6 pm.

To sign up for email updates on Shine Harcourt go to bit.ly/SubscribetoShine and follow the HPA Facebook page.

See the back page of this issue for more information.

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Happy in Harcourt: at the Twilight Market on April 27th two of our clowning friends entertained the young and old.
ANZAC Day 2019

ANZAC Day ceremonies in Harcourt commenced with afternoon tea at the Heritage Centre in the ANA Hall. Hetty Veldman spoke about the experience of Australian and New Zealand nurses in World War I. Diana Cork introduced Hetty who had a nursing career of 45 years. Diana said, “In September 2015 Hetty participated in an eight day cruise from Athens to Istanbul to commemorate the unsung and almost forgotten contribution of the Australian Nurses who served during WWI. She has spent almost 6 years researching the WWI Australian Army Nursing Service and is determined that the ANZAC Nurses are recognised in history as they so richly deserve.”

Diana also spoke of the resounding silence in Australia after the soldiers and nurses were welcomed home. “The returned soldiers were unable to talk about their time at war because it was so traumatising and the nurses were largely unrecognized for the part they played. The silence was broken about twenty years ago when the general population started to ask question of the then ageing veterans.”

After Hetty’s talk, lead by the Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band, the crowd walked to Stanley Park where the memorial service was conducted.

Photo below: Hetty, dressed in the full WWI uniform of the Australian nurses, delivered a detailed and moving speech about nurses who served during WWI. Many of them “broke the rules” to do their utmost for the wounded and dying.

Counting for Nothing –
The story of Australian and New Zealand Nurses who served in World War I

This is an abbreviated version of a well-researched and riveting speech given by Hetty Veldman on ANZAC Day at Harcourt Heritage Centre.

My journey through the history of the Australian Army Nursing Service Nurses (AANS) of WWI began five years ago when I helped an elderly friend move house. I had always known her mother had been a nurse but not that she had been an ANZAC Nurse who had served in France.

Having been a nurse myself for 45 years, I was both amazed and angry that in all that time, I had never heard a word about these women. This set me on an onslaught of research, reading and tracing their movements before, during and after the War.

Who were they?

It is estimated 2300–2500 nurses signed up from all States in WWI and 10 joined from New Zealand. For enlistment, nurses had to be aged 26–40 and single or widowed, but many in their enthusiasm to enlist fudged the truth about their age and marital status. When Matron Grace Wilson and the first 40 AANS Sisters landed at Lemnos, (near Gallipoli) in August 1915, they found a hostile Commanding Officer who did not want women on the island and the discovery that there was no hospital awaiting their services and would not be for about six more weeks.

Grace Wilson went on to note “Things are too awful for words … we found only a bare piece of ground with 150 wounded men in pain, still in filthy bloodstained clothes, lying amid stones and thistles. As we lacked tents, beds or medicines, we could do little for most of our patients’. In September and October 50,000 casualties were brought to Lemnos. 44,000 were sick and 23,000 of those were ANZACS.

Where else did they work?
The first draft of Sisters left Australia in 1914 and throughout the war they served

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The statistics are noteworthy:

- 2139 served overseas
- 423 served in Australia
- 160 Mentioned in Dispatches
- 388 were decorated
- 7 military medals
- 50 Royal Red Cross (RRC) 1st Class
- 147 RRC 2nd Class
- 25 died
- 29 from Countries of Service

Castlemaine Hospital trained 13 of the nurses who enlisted and three of these were decorated.
wherever Australian troops were sent in 192 locations including India, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, France, Germany and England.

What happened to them?

Some were welcomed home by their communities with pomp and ceremony, but the return of most was not noticed. In the ten decades since the Armistice, the considerable achievements of WWI army nurses faded from the nation’s memory. A lot of them were as damaged by their war experience as the soldiers they looked after and they were physically and psychologically unable to keep working as nurses. If they did not die within 4 – 6 years after returning home, many lived to become very old women. More than 50% remained single.

Although they were eligible for disability/invalid or service pensions only 990 made application to the Repatriation Department and only a small number received them. It was not until 1958 they were given access to treatment at Repatriation Hospitals and those who remained were allocated their rightful pensions.

In 1999 the ANZAC Nurses finally received national recognition with the commissioning and dedication of the Australian Service Nurses National Memorial in Canberra.

The Core thanks Hetty Veldman for sharing her research on the AANS during World War I.

Sorry Day in Harcourt
Sunday May 26th

Members of the community are invited to attend the Sorry Day Ceremony in Harcourt at 10.30 am in Stanley Park on Sunday 26th May.

The compere will be Vic Say who initiated the first Sorry Day Ceremony at Dog Rocks on Leanganook.

A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony will be guided by Auntie Kerry Douglas; a proud DjaDjaWurrung woman.

The School Captains from Castlemaine Secondary College will express their thoughts on The Stolen Generations.

Auntie Julie McHale will tell about her family’s history in terms of Stolen Generations and attempted genocide of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Groups.

Harcourt Valley Primary School

Students Interpret the ANZAC Story

Grades 1 and 2, 5 and 6 created some beautiful artwork for ANZAC Day. Their work was put on display in the main building of the school.

From FlexiBuzz the social network platform of the school.

See the Landcare story on page 12 for the exciting wetland activity planned for 7th May.
Harcourt Uniting Church

Well if it’s not going to rain we may as well enjoy the beautiful weather we have been experiencing – especially over the Easter weekend. We celebrated Easter Sunday in Stanley Park with a service followed by a BYO “Breakfast in the Park.” During the service we decorated a cross with flowers and left it in the park to remind others of the true meaning of Easter.

Members of our congregation support the Chaplaincy program in the Castlemaine Secondary College. At the Shrove Tuesday Progressive Dinner, organised to raise money for Chaplaincy at Castlemaine Secondary College, Lisa Cochrane spoke of her work as the Chaplain. This includes being able to assist students in their emotional well being, to be a support to them with any problems they may face, to be someone that students feel comfortable to share their concerns with as well as just being part of the School life. Lisa said “every day is different” which is what makes her work so important, interesting and rewarding.

As the cooler months approach, just remember that the Harcourt Uniting Church congregation is always ready to provide a warm welcome to any visitors at 9 am each Sunday. The warmth of our Split system heating also helps!

Jan Jenkin

Our Pancake day in Mostyn Street Castlemaine went well with the money raised going to Uniting – a Community Services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

We celebrated the long life of Margaret Broad at her funeral in our Church recently. Margaret attended our Church until she went into care in Ellery House.
Auskick started on May 2nd, but it’s not too late! If your child is between the ages of 4 – 12 they can still join up. For enquiries call Mark Dorian 0409 011 104 or come to the Leisure Centre on Thursday evenings from 4.15 – 5.30 pm. The season lasts for 12 weeks.

Barkers Creek Cricket Club is looking forward to introducing a women’s cricket competition next season and with that idea in mind have sourced funding to provide female friendly facilities. Two new unisex change rooms with showers and toilets and a disabled toilet are being built. A new and expanded kitchen will also be a welcome addition.

Funding has come through a Victoria Sport and Recreation Grant which is being administered by the Shire.

The new additions will be ready for the start of the cricket season in September this year.
End Of Fire Restrictions

Fire restrictions for the City of Greater Bendigo and the Mount Alexander Shire ended on the 1st May. In some ten shires this year fire restrictions are extended until the 13th May. If you are travelling outside the Mount Alexander Shire, check the CFA website for the full list. The main thing to remember is that conditions are still very dry and unless we get significant rain, the dry fuels will burn very readily. All precautions before lighting up need to be taken and checking of weather conditions is also vital to ensure the wind is not going to increase and spread the fire. Recent fires in April around the Ballarat area highlighted the continuing fire risk that Victoria experienced this fire season. Remember to register any burn with the VicFire burn off line on 1800 668 511.

The autumn period is also a time that DWELP/Parks Victoria take the opportunity to conduct fuel reduction burns. These generated some of the smoke haze visible seen in the Harcourt Valley in late April. These are publicised by various means and a full list can be found on their website. The Vic Emergency App will also alert you to burns in your watch zone.

Reminders

The end of daylight saving is the time when smoke detector batteries should be changed. If you have not done it yet, then now is the time before we move into winter which is the time when there is generally a spike in house fires. Don't forget that even hard wired smoke detectors have a backup battery (to cover power outages) that needs to be changed.

Product recalls continue to be publicised so pay to keep an eye out in the daily papers or check the list at www.productsafety.gov.au Two examples of recent recalls are a Pocket Power Charger (Styles 419501 & 419502 with colour codes 01-23) sold in Cotton On or Cotton On Body stores between 26 October 2018 to 29 January 2019 and an Oil Column Heater (Model TAROC11F) sold by Target Australia Stores including Target Country from April 2015 to October 2016. As you can see the second one is an old recall but indicates that there are a number of these column heaters in the community. Both these have a risk of overheating and potentially causing a fire. These should be returned to the relevant store for a full refund.

Brigade Activities

In April the brigade turned out to a wash away (where we clean up petrol or other fluids) after a motor vehicle accident, three reported bonfires/burning during the Fire Danger Period, a support call to Castlemaine for a building fire and another trip up the mount just before midnight on Anzac day for a grass and scrub fire. Monthly training continues for members and now has more of a structural (fires in buildings) focus as we approach the cooler months. Currently there is a CFA training prop (housed in a container type structure) in the yard at the Castlemaine Fire Station and the brigade takes advantage of honing its skills on it as it enables members to do actual hot fire training. This prop is utilized by many brigades in the area. If you are passing the Castlemaine Fire Station and see the glow of flames coming from the container, you can rest assured that there is a training session in progress.

April is the month that the AGM of the brigade is conducted and every two years brigade elections are held. This year is an election year and Andrew Wilson was re-elected as Captain of the Brigade. After many years as a Lieutenant of the Brigade, Kevin Earl did not seek re-election and Kerrie Anne Schnoor has replaced him as 4th Lieutenant. All other positions have remained the same.

Safe Program for Primary Schools

The District 2 (our area) CFA Community Safety Department has organized the SAFE Program to be conducted at the Harcourt Recreation Reserve on May 7, 8 & 9. This is aimed at the upper levels of Primary School students and has been a very successful program with all emergency services participating. Harcourt was chosen as a central location to the targeted schools so is very convenient for our local school to participate. We see examples in the news of children regularly being “the hero” so programs like this help educate them in what to do. Leadership by children can never be underestimated, so ensure that they are involved in you fire plan.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we have had some significant rain.

So stay safe and remember that roads can be greasy and slippery after those first rains.

Tyrone Rice

Brigade Community Safety Coordinator

Love your pet? Send us a picture!

Send your photos to the editor:
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with a statement about why you love your pet.
Heritage Festival Event
The Calamitous New Year’s Day Floods of 1889

A recent donation of photos, certificates and letters to Harcourt Heritage Centre by the family of the late Josie Chisholm included some never before seen photographs of the New Year’s Day Flood of 1889. Contemporary accounts of the flood have been found on the National Library “Trove” website as well as in the Shire archive.

Readers of the Core can learn more about the intensity of the rain event, the extent of the damage and the amazingly speedy response from all levels of government to what was this region’s most devastating single rain event. Come along on Sunday 19th May at 1.30 pm to Harcourt Heritage Centre to see the historic photographs and hear of the local impact of the flooding.

Harcourt was relatively unscathed in the big rain events of 2010, 2011 and 2014 – the water went elsewhere and caused immense damage downstream on the Loddon. But in 1889 Harcourt and Castlemaine suffered badly in what proved to be a localized cloudburst. We are grateful to Josie Chisholm’s family for the gift of the photos. They have prompted some fascinating research. The incident reveals much about how things were done (and done effectively) in 1889 in comparison to the modern day approach.

This Heritage Festival event has been widely advertised so make sure that you arrive early if you want a seat - well before 1.30 pm on Sunday 19th May.

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Councillor Comment

HI all,

It was great to see so many people attend the services on ANZAC day. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in the Castlemaine Service where I spoke about my Uncle Frank Warren’s experience at Kokoda in World War Two. Frank was just an ordinary soldier fighting for his life in very difficult circumstances. He was shot twice during the fierce fighting but was lucky to survive; he lived a good life and lived to the age of ninety-one. In his later years he did a lot of voluntary work supporting people with disabilities. Because of Frank’s experience I have done some reading about Kokoda which really brought home to me that our lives would be very different if the allied forces had not been successful in New Guinea.

Rain, beautiful rain! It has been a long time coming. The extended dry has made conditions on many of our district properties very serious. I’m sure we are all hoping for more rain over the next few weeks so that conditions will start to improve.

I want to remind Core readers that the draft Council budget is still out for comment. It is available on the website, or access to a hard copy can be had by contacting the Council office. Yes! The funding for the Stanley Park Play Space is there as well as funds for better facilities at our Football and Netball Courts. It is a very good budget and I would like to thank everyone involved in putting it together.

On the local scene I hear John Blake has bought another tractor; he has plenty already! He must do a lot of work up on Lang’s Hill. Well done, Champ!

Remember to check the tyres on the car. Conditions on our roads are not so good when it is wet, and after the long dry spell the roads will be greasy.

Best regards to all,
Tony

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LIMERICK by The Bard of North Harcourt

It is raining today, what a pity.
So I can’t take my walk to the city.
I’ll just be content
To sit in my tent
And finish the lines of this ditty.

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PLUMBER by Bruce A. Rae

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Covering all Aspects of Plumbing
Harcourt groups share in Community Bank’s $150,000 grants

The Maldon & District Community Bank® Branch distributed over $150,000 in grants to community groups at its 20th birthday celebrations on 23 April.

The grants, ranging from $500 to $9,500, were presented to 41 successful grant applicant groups, but of course I was particularly proud that two different Harcourt groups were on the list!

The Harcourt Progress Association received a grant for $6,500 for the Enhancing the new Harcourt Community Play Space project, which will be used to fund a BBQ to complement the play space. This should make the area much more attractive to families for meals, celebrations and picnics, as well as bringing the kids to play on the equipment.

The other Harcourt group to receive funding was the Harcourt Valley Fruit Fly Action Group, which received $500 towards the Emergency Response Action Plan. Part of the money will be used to fund extra traps going into Harcourt gardens before next year’s fruit season.

Our Chairman Ross Egleton gave a terrific speech on the night, and announced that the Community Bank has topped $3 million of funding back to the community in the last 20 years!

The groups receiving grants in this latest round of funding came from all over the area that the bank services, including not just Maldon but also Baringhup, Newstead, Eddington, Guildford, Dunolly, Moliagul, Muckleford and Mount Alexander Shire—and of course, Harcourt!

It really was a wonderful community night, because each of the groups had a few minutes to talk about their projects, and even though the projects may be small, they are very significant to each of the communities.

The pride in community was very evident as people spoke about solar heated showers at the Maldon Swimming Pool, defibrillators at community halls in Eddington, Maldon and Guildford, netting for the Dunolly Community Garden’s orchard, machinery at the Newstead Men’s Shed, walking trail upgrades at Guildford, bookshelves for the Maldon Athenaeum Library, thermal imaging equipment for the Maldon Fire Brigade, and funding for the development of the new Tarrangower Community Plan.

Other inspirational projects include a story-telling project to capture stories from indigenous elders, Xtreme Inc’s September youth festival in Castlemaine and a July comedy film festival in Maldon. It was an absolutely wonderful evening.

It was also a great chance for our current chairman Ross Egleton to honour the brave and committed group of individuals who took a stand 20 years ago to establish a local company and bank, after the major banks pulled out of the Maldon area. They took a big personal risk on what was then a very new model of banking—the Maldon & District Community Bank® Branch was just the 10th community bank to open, but there are now more than 300 community banks around Australia. Their risk definitely paid off!

The Community Bank® model has a big future, but being able to put money back into the community requires people to bring business to the bank, so please consider either visiting the branches in Maldon, Newstead or Dunolly, or call on 5475 1747 to see how they can help you with your banking.

Katie Finlay
Director
Thank you, Lions Club

The Lions Club assisted at Camp Out on the Mount by providing the barbecue. They were also on hand at the Easter Egg Hunt with barbecued sausages.

Helicopter slings cables at Thompson’s Orchards

On Friday 26 April a helicopter was used to pull cables across the length and width of Thompson’s two year old Gala orchard in Dann’s Road. The cables are an important step in the preparation for placing nets across the entire orchard.

Peter Oxley from Southern Cross Netting based in Orange, New South Wales described the process for The Core. “The helicopter pulled 50 cables in total. With the cables averaging 450 metres long, we were able to get four cables from each drum as a drum holds 2000 metres. It is a much quicker process than pulling the cables off the drums by hand. The helicopter took six hours to pull the cables in the grid across the orchard, compared to six of our workers requiring a full week. The helicopter has a cable attached through its floor; the hook on the end is then attached by hand to the cable from the drum. This action involves the helicopter coming down reasonably low to the ground; Riverina Helicopters were used as they are specialists in this work. Of course there is a release hook on the floor of the helicopter which the pilot can activate should the cable become snared.”

Prior to the arrival of the helicopter about 80 holes were excavated around the outer edge of the orchard and anchor logs were fixed in the ground. The holes will be refilled after the overhead cables are threaded through and bolted to the logs. The cables are lifted on to a frame and secured to it and the logs, then the net is then draped and attached to the cables. The net will entirely encase the trees to protect them from both birds and hail with entrances made for access for tractors and workers.

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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Workers attach a cable to the helicopter which then lifts and lays the cable in the designated line across the orchard. Photo provided by Nikki Oxley

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MAYA ROSE
Entices and soothes on smooth R&B jam, ‘See You Again’.

With her debut single, ‘See You Again’, Maya Rose brings depth of tone and range, resulting in a striking offering. Dripping with melody and that 90s R&B vibe, Maya Rose’s sound is instantly welcoming; inviting the listener to lose themselves in each beat and vocal sway.

The 20 year old, unleashes ‘See You Again’ as the first taste of an EP still to come. As a songwriter and musician, Maya Rose has been working since her teenage years on writing music, honing her craft as a pianist, and forming her own musical palette around the soul and R&B music she grew up on.

Winning the Castlemaine heat of 2017’s Battle of the Bands, as well as taking the runner up spot in Freeza Push Start: Northern Country Regional competition in the same year gave Maya Rose two significant opportunities to introduce her music to local industry.

In her vocals, there is a sultry honey-rich tone, yet the lyricism points towards much more depth in Maya Rose’s writing. Settling into feelings of yearning and memories, ‘See You Again’ is wistful, backed by melting production and R&B instrumentation.

In May Maya Rose will launch her new single throughout Victoria, with a special launch show at The Toff in Town in Melbourne at the beginning of her tour.

Maya Rose ‘See You Again’ Tour Dates
Tuesday 7th May The Toff in Town Melbourne with Aman
Tickets on the Door
Saturday 11th May The Taproom Castlemaine
Tickets on the Door
Saturday 18th May Palais Hepburn supporting Sol Nation – ‘World Music Party’
Tickets
Friday 24th May The Golden Vine Bendigo with StrawberryJamz
Tickets on the Door

‘See You Again’ is released Friday 26th April 2019

Harcourt Valley Landcare Plans
Wetland Activities with Harcourt Valley Primary School

Harcourt Valley Landcare is continuing its commitment to teach young people about the importance of our creeks and rivers. This project is funded using a grant from the North Central Catchment Management Authority.

Aboriginal Traditional Use of Waterways
Landcare is very excited to advise that Aunty Marilyn Nicholls a Dja Dja Wurrung Elder will be coming and spending the afternoon with students of Harcourt Valley Primary School on Tuesday 7th May.

The session will involve:

- A Welcome to Country, and importantly explaining the importance of this ceremony to the students,
- A smoking ceremony,
- An educational session on how Dja Dja Wurrung people would have traditionally used local waterways and why they are important places for Aboriginal people.
- Nicole Howie (an environmental educator) will also working with the student on the day to raise awareness of the importance of local waterways.

Three more events will be held over Term 2 and 3. These will involve environmental monitoring of Barkers Creek and comparing this year's results with last year's; a planting session on the creek side during National Tree Week and an investigation of the impact of storm water and associated waste on the creek.

Landcare members often participate in these sessions and require a Working with Children Check to be able to take part. If you would like to join the group and/or get further details of the group’s activities for the year, contact the Secretary, Robyn Miller, 0467 670 271.

Terry Willis, key member of the Fruit Fly Action Group was recently filmed by Agriculture Victoria for a video about tackling fruit fly.
Lucy Foster

Lucy Foster is an emerging artist who grew up in an historic family home in Harcourt. She first became interested in art at high school but it is clear her love of making art is “in her blood”.

Arts and crafts were a regular activity in her extended family. Gilbert Foster, her grandfather was a watercolourist and art teacher; her father has also painted watercolours for as long as Lucy can remember. Her mother is a talented dressmaker. In her extended family there are musicians, potters, and a weaver and painter. Her other grandfather Trev Quirk was a stonemason, wood turner, painter, photographer, diarist, carpenter and musician.

Her recent exhibition “Healthy Loss” was shown at CASPA in Castlemaine. It explored themes of loss through the use of found objects and photography. “This exhibition came from years of collecting strange objects and collating an archive of imagery from around the world. I make decisions intuitively in relation to my own experience, the environment, and those whom I am close with. The idea of constructing loss animates much of my creative practice, and loss evokes an emotion I think many of us can relate to.”

Lucy’s first job was in graphic design, but a component of the job was photography “I couldn’t wait to get off the computer and into the studio to take photos. After that job I travelled and experienced new faces and environments through my own camera. On return from my overseas trip I took a Diploma in Photo Imaging followed by an undergraduate degree in the Photography Department at the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA). In my second year I went on exchange for one semester in Prague where I delved into sculpture, printmaking and European Film. I have recently completed my Honours degree at VCA in Visual Arts,” she said.

As a result of the Graduation Show at the end of her Honours course, one of Lucy’s sculptures was selected to be shown in Oslo, Norway. She also won a Graduate prize, which is a free exhibition in November at Bus Projects in Fitzroy.

“I’m currently building my small business working in commercial photography, lifestyle photography and art documentation. One of my main clients is Melbourne University Graduate Student Association. I produce photos for their events, publications and social media.” I asked Lucy to explain what art documentation is. “Art documentation involves photographing art works or processes on behalf of the artist/s, usually in an exhibition setting. Art documentation has become an important part of artistic practice; the photos are used for online representation, grant and exhibition applications. I am slowly building a network with other artists. In fact word of mouth still works, its how I get the majority of the work.”

Lucy has recently completed a commissioned work with her partner Bill who studied alongside Lucy during her Honours year at VCA. The work used a selection of photographs she took on a trip in Uganda. Lucy printed them in the black and white darkroom, and Bill then painted on the printed surface. The commission features work from thirty other VCA graduates, and will be exhibited both online and at VCA in July to celebrate the launch of the new Arts Precinct in Southbank.

“An on-going pursuit of mine is to take art out of a gallery context; to exhibit work in locations which challenge the public eye, encourage new encounters and trigger different ways of seeing. I am always scouting for unconventional spaces, especially those that cost the artist little money or none at all. For example in August I am holding a small exhibition at Cathedral Cabinet in Swanston Street Melbourne. It is a tiny shop window in the Nicholas Building opposite St Paul’s Cathedral.”

To find out more about Lucy’s art work see: instagram @lu_spent or her artist website: www.lucy-foster.com

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Lucy directs a photo during a large format photography excursion with a group of photography students from the VCA.

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News from Harcourt Bowling Club

Although the season is coming to an end it has been a very busy month at the Club with the finalising of Championships and Tournaments.

Kidman Invitation Fours Tournament Saturday 30th March

Despite the wild and cold weather, the atmosphere was warm and the competition was hot on Saturday 30th March for the Annual Kidman Mixed Fours Tournament. Wilma and Brian Kidman - sponsors and hosts of this annual tournament and past stalwarts of the club - have returned for this event since leaving Harcourt some 7 years ago. Bowlers competed in three games of 10 ends, stopping midway in the second game for the delicious lunch Harcourt Bowling Club is renowned for. Runners Up on the day were a team from White Hills of Ray Crothers (s), Norma Crothers, Hank Jansen and Carmel Jansen on 48. The Winners with a score of 50 were a Harcourt team of Brian Smith(s), John Starbuck, Joan Bath and Chris Anderson.

Men’s Championship Pairs

On Tuesday 9th April the final of the Men’s Championship Pairs was played out with Leo Moloney and John Kays competing against Terry Chisholm and Grahame Hill. Leo and John were the winners after a closely fought competition.

Ladies’ 100-Up

On Thursday 11th April the Final of the Ladies’ 100-Up Competition was played out between Judy Ewing and Heather Braid. As expected, it was a keen competition and very a close game. Heather was the winner by 7 points.

Ladies Nominated Pairs

On Friday 12th April the final of the Ladies’ Nominated Championship Pairs was played out with Judi Miles and Kay Francis competing with Heather Braid and Chris Anderson. After an initial slow start Judi and Kay put down some great bowls putting them in contention, although Heather and Chris were able to hold the lead and come out winners.

Rice Family Memorial Triples Tournament

The Rice Family Memorial Triples was held on Saturday 13th April with a full field. Much laughter could be heard across the green during the three games of eight ends played. This annual event is held in memory of former foundation members Ben and Amy Rice and is another of the popular memorial tournaments held at Harcourt.

Wayne and Heather Rice attended for afternoon tea and Wayne made the presentation of the Shield to the excited winners Malcolm, Kaye and John Grant. The Runners Up on a count back were Allan Nicholls, Darrell Normington and Kay Francis.
**The Club End of Season Presentation Night**

This event was held on the Saturday evening with members and guests treated to a delicious two-course meal.

In the lead up to the presentation Club President Russell Maltby thanked members for their input into the success of the club both on and off the green. He again congratulated the Midweek Division Four Pennant Team for the great Finals win and the Weekend Division Three team for once again contesting the final.

President Maltby presented Awards to Winners throughout the season as follows:-

- **Ladies’ Championship Drawn Pairs** Winners Joan Bath and Judy Ewing, *Runners Up* Moira Straw and Joy Starbuck
- **Ladies’ Singles Champion** Heather Braid, *Runner Up* Judi Miles;
- **Men’s Championship (Gough) Drawn Pairs** Winners Brian Buchanan and Brian Smith, *Runners Up* Dave Jefferies and Brian Leech;
- **Men’s Singles Champion** Tony Olsson, *Runner Up* Grahame Hill;
- **Men’s Nominated Pairs** Winners John Kays and Leo Moloney, *Runners Up* Grahame Hill and Terry Chisholm;
- **Ladies’ 100-Up** Winner Heather Braid, *Runner Up* Judy Ewing;

**Bendigo Bowls Division Presentation Night Dinner April 24th**

At the Bendigo Bowls Division Presentation Night on April 24th presentations of Pennant trophies were made to the winning clubs for this season. Proud and excited representatives from Harcourt Midweek Division Four were there to receive the trophy on behalf of the Club and the players.

**Annual General Meeting Sunday May 19th**

The AGM will be held at 11 am and followed by BBQ lunch and social bowls.

**WHAT’S ON at the Bowling Club?**

**Social Bowls – Jackpot Triples is back! – Until 27th May (weather permitting)**

Greens are great, weather looks ok so a chance for some quality social bowls before the winter sets in.

Commencing on Monday 29th April the club is running Jackpot Triples for around 5 weeks – until 27th May.

- Names in by 12.30 for a 1.00pm start.
- Limit of 12 teams – 2 bowl triples
- Open to Registered bowlers & HBC Social members
- 1 game of 20 ends, 10 minute break after 12 ends
- Cost $5 per player
- Games followed by nibbles with drinks
- List for entries is at the club. Enter as a team or an individual.
- Starting jackpot is $90.00 from the earlier jackpot triples.

**Coming up in May**

- 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
Robert Barbour was born in Scotland and emigrated to Victoria, age 24, in 1852. His home was at Bullengarook (near Gisborne). He owned and operated a chain of soft-goods stores in Albert Park (Melbourne), Castlemaine, Maldon and Bendigo. From 1858 to 1860 Barbour contracted for bridges for the Victorian government. In 1860 he built his first sawmill at Mount Macedon on a site which traded in later years as Black Forest Timbers; the site is still used as a timber-yard. Over the seventeen years from 1860 Barbour devoted his life to producing red-gum sleepers, bridge piles and wharf timbers. To do this he eventually established a chain of seven sawmills from Macedon to Barmah. At the height of operation Barbour’s sawmills were producing several thousand super-feet of timber per week for the expansion of the Victorian rail network and for export to India. Not unnaturally, in view of his pre-occupation, he earned the nickname of ‘Redgum’ Barbour.

Forty years of age, stoutish in appearance, shrewd in business and regarded as being egotistical and arrogant, ‘Redgum’ Barbour was the man for the moment. When he came to Harcourt in 1867 the interests of the timber-getter coincided with the interests of the settlers at the foot of Mount Alexander. Huge trees were to be found all over the landscape. The pioneering orchardists were eager to clear their land in order to plant fruit trees and crops. Clearing the land was reckoned to be a Herculean task. So it was that Robert Barbour, a man of energy and forcefulness was made welcome to enter onto private land to fell and remove the larger trees.

This year – 1867 – was a year when labour was in great demand in Harcourt, as Edward O’Keefe was hiring men in order to construct the Barkers Creek Reservoir. It is clear from statements made by Edward O’Keefe in August 1867 that O’Keefe regarded Barbour’s sawmill as an irritant. Labourers who were fed up with the pay and conditions at the reservoir left their employ to work for Barbour.

After canvassing the settlers for permission to cut timber, Robert Barbour went to Castlemaine in January 1867 to place a standing advertisement in the Mount Alexander Mail. “Wanted, a carpenter, several bushmen and sawmill workers also Pit Sawyers…apply Mr. Barbour, Railway Station, Harcourt.” Barbour’s sawmill was in full operation in the first week of March 1867. Among those who had answered the advertisement were Joel Leversha, who described himself as ‘a splitter of wood’ and Samuel Sutton, who described himself as ‘a sawyer’. With others, they were sent to work in the bush about half a mile south of Harcourt and at about the same distance east of the Railway Station.

We know the events of 11th March 1867 in great detail as, in the words of Samuel Sutton, Joel Leversha and another man were working felling a tree when there was a crack, the tree fell, striking and killing Joel Leversha. There was an inquest later that day at the Talbot Hotel. Among the depositions is that of Robert Barbour. Barbour’s testimony at the inquest was of little relevance to the finding of “When, where, how, and by what means, Joel Leversha came by his death?” What he did say, clearly enough with a Scots accent, was “I am a proprietor of a sawmill at Harcourt. The deceased was in my employment for the last five or six weeks, I am due him one week’s wages the amount being one pound.”

It was entirely characteristic of the man that he had to be at the inquest, had to testify, had to be seen to have been at hand at the time of the regrettable accident – and had to be seen to be above criticism. Who had selected the tree? Was it in a dangerous condition? Was the man a skilled tree-feller? These were questions that were not asked. The Victorian attitude to safety and to death was very different to ours. Accidental death was common and accepted. Safety was not seen as something that could be influenced.

Later in the same year Barbour drew criticism for felling trees in the road reserve at Walmer. He was also in trouble due to his bullock team straying onto fenced and cultivated private land. Robert Barbour did not remain in Harcourt for any great length of time. It is said that a man of more restless nature could not be found. In 1870 he travelled to India and England to promote the sale of his timber to the Indian Government. Soon after this large tracts of forests were proclaimed as Reserves for the preservation and growth of timber. When areas where his cutters worked were threatened Barbour moved his entire household to a place in the redgum forest on the north bank of the Murray river and, using his nine children as ‘dummies’, selected thousands of acres of forest for purchase under the Land Act. To further his timber interests Barbour stood for NSW parliament and, in 1882, won a seat in the NSW Legislative Assembly. The rest of his career is described in the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

Sawmills were operated, spasmodically, at or near the Harcourt railway station for almost 120 years. Mr. Hirste and Mr. A E Horton conducted a steam-driven sawmill and case factory in 1901 and 1902. This enterprise was taken over by Gartside Bros in 1903 and operated until 1919. The Harcourt Fruit Supply Society opened a sawmill on the site in 1936. Harcourt Co-operative Fruitgrowers Ltd commenced sawmilling operations a short distance away in 1955. Harcourt Forest Industries opened a modern sawmill in March 1980. But to Robert ‘Redgum’ Barbour goes the credit for opening the first sawmill in Harcourt.

This is another in a series of thumbnail sketches of the pioneers, compiled for ‘The Core’ by Harcourt Heritage Centre, with information from the late Hedley James, from the late Pam Leversha and from the Australian Dictionary of Biography.
Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association Inc – Join a Winning Club!

Victorian Carpet Bowls Champions 2018

Congratulations go to last year’s winning team which was made up of John Jenkin, Des Rice, Tyrone Rice and Daryl Normington. They competed in the Victorian Country Carpet Bowls Association Championships in 2018 and became the Victorian Carpet Bowls Champions for the second time, having won in 2017.

2019 Season Opens – An enjoyable winter sport in a heated hall

Competition Season: Wednesday nights from the 1st May 2019 to mid or end September.

Time: 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. The evening ends at 9 pm (it's not too late!)

Venue: Harcourt District Leisure Centre, Bingham’s Road Harcourt

No matter what age you are, you are most welcome to join us and you will be put in a team where you will learn the game, so there is no previous experience needed.

Just come along and be prepared to have lots of fun.

Costs

Registration: Adults: $6.00; Junior U/17: $3.00
Nightly Game Fee: Adults: $5.00; Junior: U/17: $2.50
For further information: Contact Loretta 5474 2453 or John 5474 2226 or Tyrone 5474 2126.

Wheel Cactus Field Day 2019 Launch

The Tarrangower Cactus Control Group (Cactus Warriors) field days for 2019 will be formally launched on Sunday 26 May at 10.30 am. For the venue, please see our website www.cactuswarriors.org closer to that date and click the News and Events tab.

The launch will be followed by a demonstration and a talk for newcomers, after which we will set off, suitably equipped, for a happy morning killing cactus, finishing at midday with a yummy BBQ lunch, a cuppa and a chance to chat.

The equipment, protective gloves and goggles will be provided for the morning. Children will be welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information about Wheel Cactus and what we are doing about it, please see our website or ring Ian on 0412 015 807.

Maldon Swap Meet

The June Maldon Swap Meet is being held on 9th June. This event regularly gets over 200 stalls as well as a large number of exotic, modified and very rare cars.

This year we will have a special area set aside for these cars for the first time.

Site size has been increased to 6x6 metres but the site fees will stay at $20 per site.

Stallholders can set up on the day before to make life a bit easier. As usual we DON’T require any pre-booking or any paperwork, just rock up, set up and sell up!

Can it get any simpler?

Gates open to the public at 7ish and it runs till about 2ish… Stallholders can set up on the day but must be set by 7 am or run the risk of being turned away.

Public admission is $5 per person and kids are free.

This is a family friendly, dog friendly event and is a great day out for anybody who loves cars, antiques and collectables.

For enquiries call Mark or Bonnie on 0414 244 842

THE SIXTH MALDON Qu Bee SWAP MEET

SUNDAY JUNE 9TH, 2019
(Queens Birthday long weekend)
Admission $5 Kids Free
Maldon Racecourse Reserve
Lewis Rd. Maldon
GATES OPEN 7.00AM
New stall holders welcome
No pre-booking necessary
ALL STALLS $20 PER 6x5 metre site
All enquiries ring Mark or Bonnie 0414 244 942

THE CORE
Murray Cod Released at Barkers Creek Reservoir

On Tuesday 30th April the Victorian Fisheries Authority released 200 Murray Cod at Barkers Creek Reservoir, weighing an average of 2kg each with the help of local anglers. The release of the cod is to accelerate the development of the reservoir's mixed fishery and provide kayakers with a native fish target species immediately.

Maree Edwards, State Member for Bendigo West said, “These Murray Cod complement the recent opening of Barkers Creek Reservoir to canoes and kayaks, which delivers on the key commitment of better on-water access in Labor’s $34 million Target One Million plan to get more people fishing, more often.”

Anglers, who prefer fishing in kayaks and canoes, including paddle-craft with electric motors, are now permitted to use their vessels on Barkers Creek Reservoir. There is a 5 km per hour speed limit.

The reservoir was recently stocked with thousands of golden perch fingerlings; however, these will take several years to reach catchable size.

At the launch of Target One Million on the 11th April, Bendigo District Fly Fishers released a report on the state of the fishery at Barkers Creek Reservoir. The research was funded by the State Government.

Jeff Willey, President of the Association presented a copy to Maree Edwards. He said, “A key and not unexpected outcome is recognition of the need to improve the habitat in Barkers Creek Reservoir to provide protection and food at the varying levels of the reservoir. It is certain that rehabilitation projects will be required and local people who enjoy the facility of the reservoir and its natural surrounds will need to be engaged.”
**Tips for Growing Fruit Trees**

**Organic Fruit Growing Short Course**
Thanks to everyone who bought an organic fruit-growing short course in our special sale this month. We had a really fantastic response, and are delighted that so many people are putting in the time and effort to increase their fruit growing skills - which can only be a good thing for the whole community.

**Fruit Fly Resources**
Of course one of the main topics we want the whole community to become expert in is fruit fly prevention, so we've added some free resources on this topic to our Online Course Library—to download a free copy go to https://growgreatfruit.com/online-courses/, choose "Organic Pest and Disease Management" under Course Categories (on the RHS), and scroll down to find the QFF Resource Pack.

**Prepare to Plant Fruit Trees**
It's time to be thinking about what fruit trees you're going to plant this winter (because there's always room for one more), and now is a great time to do some soil preparation. One of the quickest and most effective ways to improve your soil is to plant an autumn green manure crop, using a mix of a legume (to add nitrogen to the soil), a grass (to add bulk organic matter) and a few herbs (to add more nutrients). You can either buy an autumn green manure seed mix from a nursery, or buy the individual seeds to make up your own mix. Now that we've had at least a little rain and the weather is still relatively warm, it's the perfect conditions to go ahead and plant the seed wherever you intend to plant your fruit trees (though if we don't get any follow up rain you might need to help the green manure crop with a bit of watering.) Once it's grown, and before you plant your fruit trees, you can either dig the green manure into the soil (which is best), or just cut it down and leave it lying on the surface.

Even if you don’t have time to plant a green manure crop, don’t let your lack of soil preparation stop you planting trees this year. You could add some well-made compost or aged manure when you plant the trees, but if you can’t manage that, it’s still better to plant trees into whatever soil you have and work on the soil improvement later, than miss another year of getting your future fruit supply started.

**Carr's Organic Fruit Tree Nursery Opens**
This is the first year of sales from our very own Carr’s Organic Fruit Tree Nursery, and under the careful tutelage of Merv Carr (Katie’s dad); we’ve grown a range of multi-graft and fruit salad trees, which are a good solution if you really are running out of space in your garden! We’ve also launched the start of our range of rare and unusual heritage apple varieties, including the wonderfully named Roundway Magnum Bonum, plus lots of other apples you may never have heard of! Our aim is to bring back and preserve these old varieties before they completely disappear, so please consider including one of them in your garden and helping to restore our collective knowledge of the special characteristics of each variety.

**Grow your own Trees from Collected Seed**
On another note, if you want to try growing your own trees, now is a great time to collect some apple and pear seed and store it over winter, to be ready to plant in spring. Choose seeds that are dark brown and plump. Granny Smith apples, or Packham pears are usually a reliable source of seed, but it’s fine to use whatever you can get your hands on. The seeds will produce large seedling rootstocks that are tough and resilient, and perfect for grafting your favourite variety on to. Once you’ve collected the seed, store it in damp sand over winter, ready to plant out next spring.

Hugh and Katie Finlay run Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens, an organic orchard in Harcourt. They offer a free weekly newsletter called Weekly Fruit Tips, and run online courses for gardeners interested in learning how to grow their own organic fruit. Go to www.growgreatfruit.com for details. They also offer a free weekly webinar (online workshop) called “The 5 Key Steps to Growing Great Fruit” - sign up at https://growgreatfruit.com/webinar-landing/. Carr’s Organic Fruit Tree Nursery is now OPEN FOR ORDERS at www.mafg.com.au/trees. Orders taken until June 30, and trees will be available to pick up from the farm on the 13th & 14th July.

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**ASQ Plant of the Month**

**Citrus Trees**

Citrus trees are some of the easiest trees to grow and are a popular choice due to being both ornamental and productive! Planting citrus trees in your backyard will allow you to harvest your own zesty crop of lemons for delicious desserts, pick a lime straight off the tree to go in your soda on a hot day and make fresh orange juice for the whole family to enjoy.

Not only will planting citrus trees help your family boost their vitamin C intake, but they also make a stunning garden feature with their glossy green leaves, white flowers and brightly coloured fruit.

Visit ASQ Skydancers this month to view their stunning range of citrus trees.
Celebrate National Volunteer Week

If you are part of a volunteer-run community group or organisation make sure you book a free stall at our Mount Alexander Volunteer Expo held on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 May in the Market Building, Castlemaine. Promote what you do and the volunteer opportunities available. Expo registration forms are available at Castlemaine Library, Maldon Neighbourhood House, Civic Centre and on Council’s website. Book by Friday 10 May. A special celebration event will be held from 4.00pm to 5.30pm on Wednesday 22 May to recognise the contribution that volunteers make to the community. All welcome, please RSVP to the Community Partnerships Team on 5471 1700 or email info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au. You can also book a place at Council’s four free workshops to help community groups build their skills in grant writing, volunteering and becoming online savvy. Find out more and book at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/volunteer.

Pet registration reminder

Thank you to all pet owners who have renewed their pet registrations, which were due on Wednesday 10 April. Registrations are now overdue. Reminder notices will be sent out shortly and residents will have until mid-May to register without incurring an infringement.

Have your say on the budget

Mount Alexander Shire Proposed Budget for 2019/2020 is on public exhibition. Community members are encouraged to review the draft and make a submission. Copies of the document and a budget summary are available for public inspection at the Civic Centre in Castlemaine, Castlemaine Library, Visitor Information Centres in Maldon and Castlemaine and the Newstead Rural Transaction Centre. Alternatively, you can visit Council’s website at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/HaveYourSay. Submit your feedback by 5.00pm, Wednesday 15 May. Submissions will be heard at a Special Meeting of Council at 5.00pm, Tuesday 21 May.

Update on Plan Harcourt

We have released a paper on what we heard from the community during the first round of consultation as part of Plan Harcourt. Read the summary paper at key community hubs around Harcourt, online at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/PlanHarcourt or contact the Strategic Planning Team at info@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or 5471 1700.

Sign up to a small business workshop


Castlemaine Bus Lines

Harcourt Services Monday to Friday

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Community Diary Dates

**Thursday 9th May:** 7.30 pm Harcourt Valley Landcare Meeting, ANA Hall.

**Saturday 11th May:** 10 am to 1 pm Roundabout Working Bee contact Sha: 0422 206 361.

**Sunday 19th 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:** 6 pm Ideas-a-Thon at the Bowling Club. Be entertained, win prizes and propose great ideas for Harcourt.

**Sunday 26th May:** 10 am – 12 midday; Harcourt Valley Landcare Working Bee. Details: Secretary: 0467 670 271

**Sunday 26th May:** 10.30 am Sorry Day Ceremony, Stanley Park, Harcourt.

**Bowling Club Dates:** See page 15

**Carpet Bowls:** Wednesday nights at 7.15 at the Harcourt Leisure Centre until the end of September.

**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.

**Unityng 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.

**We never give up!**

Freeway Roundabout Working Bee Saturday May 11, 10 am to 1 pm

On Saturday May 11 join Harcourt Progress Association volunteers to carry out weeding and to possibly put some plants in! Park and meet in the dead end of Station Street; BYO gloves, hand tools, rakes and watering cans if possible. Morning tea will be provided.

For more information, contact Sha Cordingley Deputy Chair, HPA on 0422 206 361.
Bendigo and District Cycling Club Races in and around Harcourt 2019

**Mt ALEXANDER CLASSIC**

**COURSE MAP – 58 km**

- Starting at Emu Creek Hall and finishing at the top of Mount Alexander. Distance 58km
- Contact Chris Eddy: 0477 982 322

**Harcourt Classic – Sunday 14th July**

- Starting and Finish at Emu Creek Hall. Distance 66km
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**NORTH HARcourt**

**SENIOR CLASSIC**

**COURSE MAP – 66 km**

- M - Marshall
- S - Signage
  (Caution Cycle Race)

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**Ideas-a-thon**

**Saturday 25 May 2019**

**SHOW US**
HARCOURT THE WAY YOU SEE IT

**GENERATE**
MASSES OF IDEAS - BEAT THE CLOCK!

**PULL APART YOUR TEAM’S MOST BRILLIANT IDEAS AND PUT THEM BACK TOGETHER**

**RACE TO THE FINISH LINE & REVEL IN THE GLORY OF YOUR COLLECTIVE GENIUS. YOU ROCK!**

**Finish 8pm**
CABARET & ADJUDICATION

**THE FIVE MOST EXCITING IDEAS WILL GO ON TO THE FINAL STAGE FOR THE DELIGHT OF LOCAL & NATIONAL EXPERTS, MOVERS & SHAKERS.**

**STARRING THE VERY FABULOUS TRACEY CANDY!**

**judging panel**
of awesome local luminaries

**FABULOUS PRIZES!!**

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**Free refreshments!**
Licenced bar and meal options available

**Keep Friday 31 May free in case your team scores an invite to the Ideas Lab!**

**For details & to register visit bit.ly/ShineHarcourt**

**A night of cabaret and competition. IT’S YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE HARCOURT!**

**Friends of Harcourt most welcome!**

**AN INITIATIVE OF MOUNT ALEXANDER COUNCIL**
**FUNDED BY THE BUILDING BETTER REGIONS PROGRAM**
**IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SHINE HARCOURT PARTNERSHIP AND HELLO CITY. ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY THE HARCOURT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION**

**SIGN IN BETWEEN 5:30 & 6pm SATURDAY**

**GAMES ON! Register your team online anytime & get instructions for your first challenge**

**PRIZES ANNOUNCED AT 9pm**

**EXTRA INFORMATION**

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