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## PUBLIC MEETING DISCUSSES IMPACT OF CYCLISTS ON LOCAL ROADS & RESIDENTS

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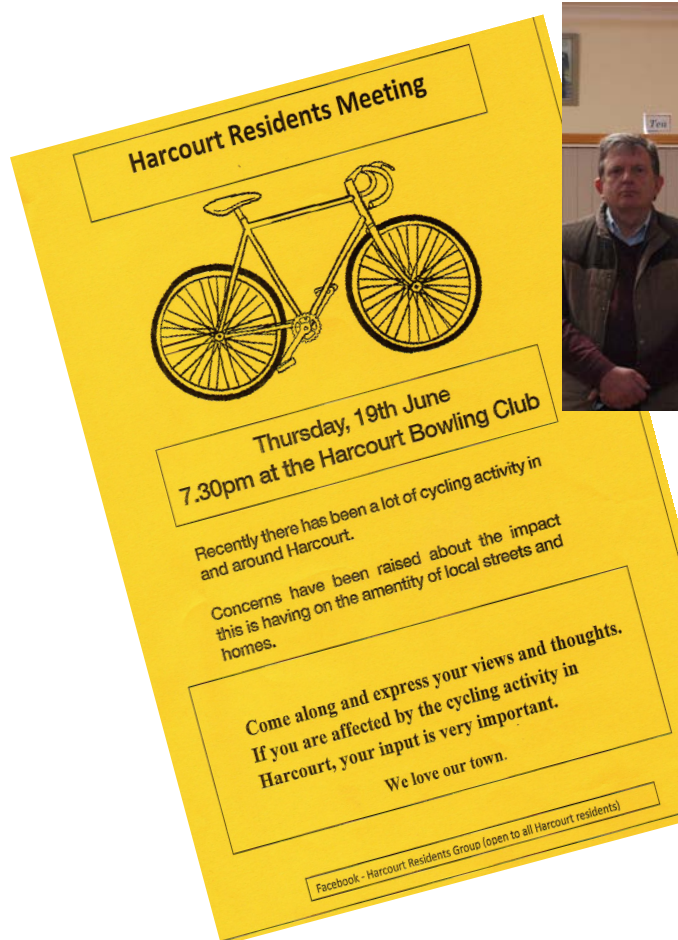
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Problems and solutions were discussed at the lively meeting about cycling in Harcourt held on 19 June. Councillor Tony Cordy and Colleen Marchant are shown here considering the feedback from the meeting.

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## Cycling in Harcourt

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There's been a recent increase in cycling activity and events taking place on the roads in and around Harcourt. In addition to the regular training and racing days organised by the Castlemaine Cycling Club, Harcourt played host to the State Regional and Metropolitan races in May and over the June long weekend was a destination for the Bendigo Cycling Club's three day regional tour.

For local resident Colleen Marchant, this June event was the straw that broke the camel's back. "There was no advance notice that cyclists were coming to town and taking over our roads," observed the Eagles Road resident. "I took my kids to buy an ice-cream at the service station and two blokes leapt onto the road in front of me. They had no identification and no hi-vis clothing, but they expected me to pull over and take a different route to the servo because a group of cyclists were due to ride through."

Speaking to other local residents, Colleen uncovered a groundswell of discontent and concern that residents were not being informed about events taking place within their own community. Colleen contacted the Harcourt Progress Association and convened a meeting of residents to discuss the impact of cycling on the township.

Over 50 local residents recently met at the Harcourt Bowling Club to express their frustration at the lack of prior warning and disruption that occurs when cycling events take place in the middle of the town. The mood of the meeting was overwhelmingly supportive of cyclists, with many attendees identifying themselves as keen riders. But serious concerns were raised about the restriction on local amenity with residents unable to travel freely around the centre of the township and households experiencing inconsiderate treatment from visiting spectators parking across driveways, leaving litter on the streets, blocking access to the service station and presenting real safety concerns for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists themselves.

The meeting provided a great opportunity for people to air their concerns and consider potential solutions to address the problems. Following the meeting, a sub-committee of residents and riders has been formed to help improve communication between the visiting clubs and local residents.

Calder Ward Councillor Tony Cordy acted as chair for the evening and was supported by Colleen Marchant and Harcourt Progress Association secretary Jacqueline Brodie-Hanns. Councillor Cordy said "Like any event taking place in our shire, these cycling events have to comply with a lot of regulations. It is

concerning to hear that residents have not received notification about races and cycles meets happening within the town."

Improved notification and better communication with residents were identified as a key focus that the Harcourt Progress Association could address. "Too often these events or activities are inflicted on Harcourt without residents knowing what is happening. Its no wonder residents feel frustrated and disempowered," said Jacqueline. "After all this is our community and our voice needs to be heard."

A further public meeting has been convened by the Harcourt progress Association on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July to hear about the proposed mountain bike park.

### THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE:

We asked people in Harcourt for their thoughts....

**Cycling is increasingly popular in Harcourt. How do you think we should minimise the impact and maximise the benefits for Harcourt?**

**Paul:** The congestion in the town centre which for many is their nature strip drive ways and home needs to be taken into consideration. Access for emergency services needs to be maintained at all times. Move starting area out of the town centre.

**Lyn:** A wonderful opportunity to put Harcourt on the map. Do whatever it takes to make it happen.

**Tracey:** If they would like to have cycling in Harcourt then I would suggest that they put it in a more appropriate spot. By moving it out of the town takes away from a dangerous area of Harcourt for traffic and blind spots and off the front lawns of residents' homes. Plus the inappropriate behaviour of some cyclists will not impact the local residents as much.

**Bianca:** It was good to see more people enjoying the town. I'm sure the shop and servo are loving the weekend boost in business. And if people have to watch out for people on bikes - I hope they would be anyway - as my kids go everywhere on their bikes in Harcourt.

**Colleen:** I see a tragedy in the making & discomfort for those who are in the impact zone.

**Paul:** We could allocate parking away from centre of town, organise a couple of changing marquees or organise for the swimming pool changing rooms to be open from the outside, or use the scout hall.

**Sandy:** It hasn't directly affected me, but I do feel for the residents living along the main road. The cyclists have been bringing more money to the town in one

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weekend than the local trade ever could.

**Milly:** I think it is great for the town and the businesses within the town. A lot of people coming to Harcourt would not have been here before had it not been for the cycling. They come from all over Victoria. I don't find that the few weekends that they are here, that there is any issue.

**Vicki:** Harcourt is a town marked for growth and development and I for one am happy for that on so many levels, not just for my generation but for many to come.

These comments were provided to the HARDCORE HARCOURT Facebook page, an open Facebook group for people living in or connected to Harcourt.



(above) Blackberry infestation in Barkers Creek

### Brilliant Barkers Creek – from weeds to wonder!

#### Subsidies for creek works available

After successfully earning a grant from the State Government's Communities for Nature program, the informal network of North Harcourt/Sedgwick, Barkers Creek Landcare & Wildlife and Harcourt Valley Landcare Groups is now engaging landholders interested in improving the quality of Barkers Creek.

If you are a landholder on Barkers Creek or an ad-

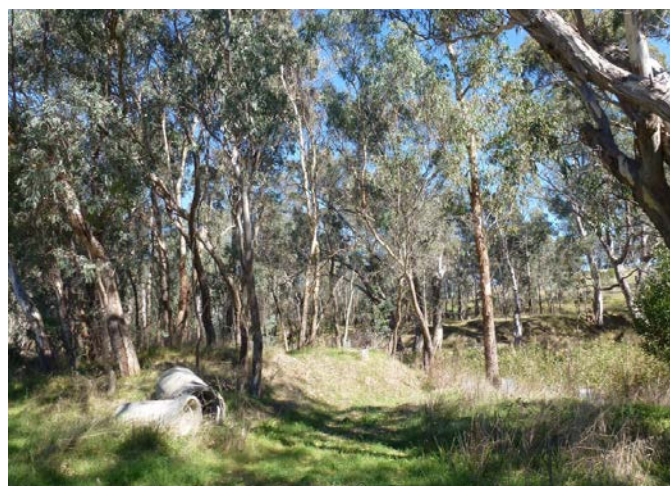
joining feeder gully, the Barkers Creek Landcare Network would like to offer you the opportunity to participate in this valuable project. The project offers you support to manage and enhance the biodiversity values of your creek frontage. In particular, we would like to assist you to control Gorse, Blackberry and Broom, revegetate with local plants and/or install fencing to protect the creekline. We also offer networking and information to help you improve your property and its natural environment.

This two year project continues the successful start made with the "Barkers Creek Clean-up" project; a collaboration between the Barkers Creek Landcare Network and Connecting Country. Success to date includes the development of a Management Plan to guide creek restoration work and the creation of agreements with approximately 50 landholders with creek frontage. These landholders made a commitment to eradicate environmental weeds; particularly Blackberries and Gorse, from their properties.

You can too!

We are currently assessing landholder interest in the project. The type and amount of work will be reviewed and funding will be allocated to specific works following the assessment. To register your interest or for further information please contact Janyce McMurtrie on 0429 968 782 or at [info@regionalenvirose.com.au](mailto:info@regionalenvirose.com.au)

#### After weed clearing and planting - Barkers Creek



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## How Harcourt's apple industry has diversified

Over the last 150 years, Harcourt has become well known for its apples, exporting them throughout Australia and around the world. The apple industry has changed many times over that period, and most significantly in the last decade and a half, with more than half of the 26 growers that were active in 2000 having stopped farming, due to the drought and various other factors.

More recently the apple industry has been rejuvenated by several related industries springing up, particularly apple juice, apple cider, and most recently, the consortium between the Harcourt Co-operative Coolstore and several local growers and producers, as reported in last month's Core.

Another new and related business that has recently started in Harcourt is exporting fruit growing "how-to" skills. Recognising the growing trend towards growing your own food, local organic orchardists Hugh and Katie Finlay from Mt Alexander Fruit Gardens have developed a range of products to satisfy the thirst of backyard growers for information and skills.

As Katie explains "Having a small organic farm means we're perfectly placed to share our knowledge and skills with home growers. We're large enough to be commercial orchardists, but small enough to have come up with a range of solutions to most fruit growing problems that work in the garden."

"Being certified organic has also meant we've had to come up with ways of getting a good crop every year without relying on chemicals, which is what most home growers are looking for."

Their main product is the Grow Great Fruit program, which lets members know what to do, and when to do it, as well as offering various other benefits like one-on-one consultations, fruit tree database, and discounts on their other products.

They also offer 6 different workshops (see ad for upcoming dates), that together make up a short course in fruit growing. And coming soon are e-books and webinars to offer different ways of learning how to grow fruit.



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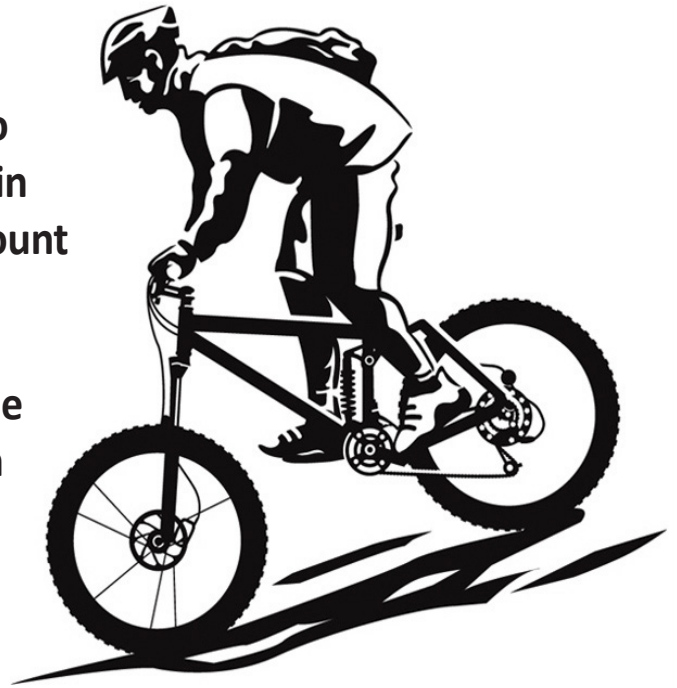
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Goldfields Tourism Inc has been funded by the state government to explore implementing a Mountain Bike Park on the western flank of Mount Alexander.

Mountain Bike Parks in Forrest (in the Otways), the You Yangs, Beechworth and Mount Buller have seen huge economic booms for their towns and communities.



The Mountain Bike Park is an exciting opportunity for Harcourt.

Find out more at the

# **Mountain Bike Park**

## **Public Information Session**

### **Friday 25th July, 7pm**

### **at the Harcourt Leisure Centre**

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Hear from Peter Skilbeck, Chair of the Goldfields Track committee and other members of the Mountain Bike Park Steering Committee, see the draft plans and concept map and learn about the possibilities for Harcourt.



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## **Harcourtians - Chris Teed**

Chris, who many of us have seen behind the counter in the Harcourt Store, has embarked on an apprenticeship that was not even on his radar a year ago. He is now learning the craft of restoring and servicing old pipe organs.

Chris, who turned 19 on June 8 this year, was born in England. He moved to Castlemaine when his Mum, Elizabeth, returned there. Later, the family moved to Harcourt. Chris attended Harcourt Valley and Castlemaine Primary schools and then went on to Castlemaine High School. Harcourt has been his home since 2004.

'I have always had an interest in music and trains,' explains Chris. I had formal piano lessons for nearly six years. I play the keyboard in a local band, The Exit Crowd, and we usually get gigs on the weekends. We listen to each other and learn our music by ear.' Although Chris admits to liking Jazz more than most styles, he says the band is also influenced by punk, rock and world music in general. He jokingly tells me the band reflects Castlemaine world music.

'I did a few odd jobs when I left school and had my heart set on being a train driver. I applied for a trainee position with the Metro but wasn't accepted. I was told they have lots of applicants. So my dream of driving trains was put on hold. Steam trains are my favourites. I have been on a couple and they are magical. I love the sound they make and the way they work. The smell of coal smoke is one of my favourite smells.'

It wouldn't be surprising to learn that Chris is a strong advocate for the return of the train to Harcourt Station.

When we return to talking about his apprenticeship, you can hear the passion in Chris' voice.

'My godfather has a friend with an organ building company. He suggested I might look at it and give it a try. The company restores and refurbishes 150 pipe organs throughout Victoria. The work can involve removing an organ from location to another. That's a big job. You have disassembled the pipes, blower, keyboard and wiring and reassemble it all making sure it is in tune. I went to my first job in Horsham and it all took off from there; but I am still on a huge learning curve.

'The organs we work on are mostly in churches. It can take from 2-6 hours to service a pipe organ. You can have three divisions of pipes in an organ. The keyboard opens up the windchest where the pipes sit. The wooden square pipes produce the softer more fluted sounds and the small tubular metal pipes the higher pitch sounds. Other pipes have reeds that make them sound like clarinets.

'Sometimes you find the organ has become a home for crickets or other creatures. I haven't

**The Exit Crowd performing with Chris on keyboard.**



seen a dead possum in one yet.'

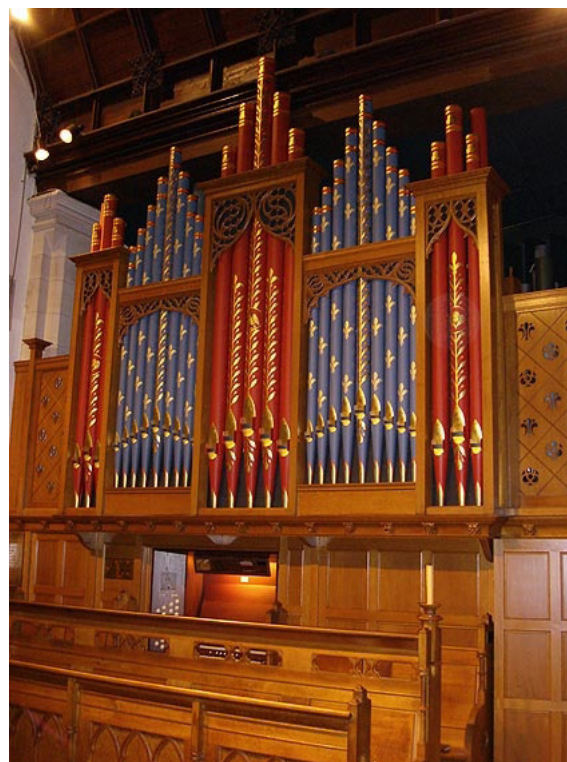
To pursue his apprenticeship and join what is now internationally a small group of pipe organ craftspeople, Chris is moving to live in Melbourne.

'That is where most of the work is and where I have the best opportunities to learn about different pipe organs. I'll be back on weekends to do band gigs and practice my music.'

'As to the future, it is wherever my work takes me. However Harcourt is home and feels like home. I have spent most of my life here and I can't imagine ever losing that connection.'

*Jenny McKenry, Dandura Alpacas*

Chris with his siblings Edward, Charlotte and Ellen.



Façade of the organ at St John the Evangelist in Toorak.

## Harcourt Progress Association

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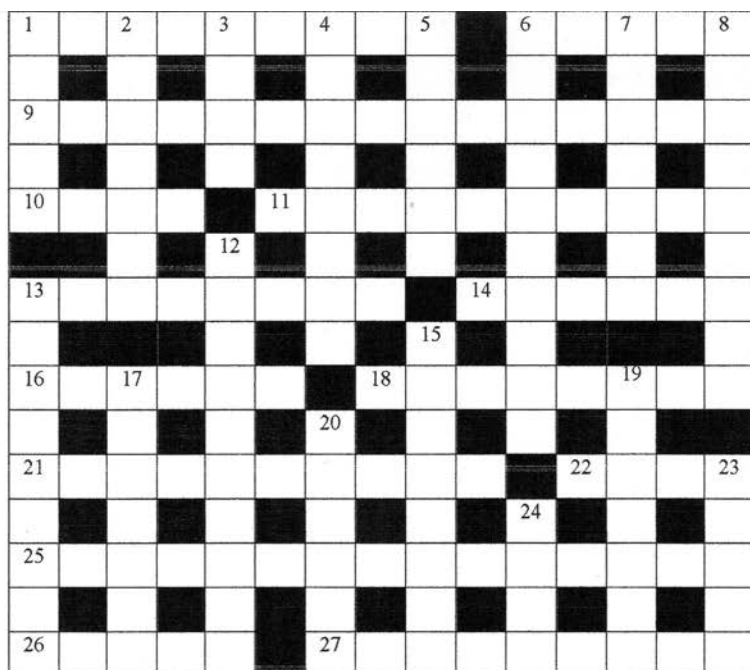
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# Cryptic Crossword Challenge - crack the code of the cunning McW!



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## Across:

- 1 Marxists, Socialists et. al. as a solitary group—given their solitude. (4,5)  
 6 False map of swamp might get our party deep into the mud. (5)  
 9 Early C20th understanding of Frogs and Poms sometimes described as too much of the second and not enough of the first. (7,8)  
 10 Robin likely neighbour—this head-covering can finish all. (4)  
 11 I'm not an idle beater about the bush: I dealt beer—it was what I meant to do. (10)  
 13 Steal role to be in it. (4,4)  
 14 Gravid mess loses penny, gains nothing for how a PM was characterised. (6)  
 16 France got it back after WWI, to produce CSA Ale—on a scale of ten, it rates a distracting seven. (6)  
 18 Mystic star forgoes its silence to ensnare in nets. (8)  
 21 I note smell of these softeners: they leave smell on tie if dropped. (10)  
 22 Their knees are the cat's whiskers. (4)  
 25 Old chimney cleaner useful for accurate time-piece, giving new, odd cheapness to it. (5,6,4)  
 26 Vassal in Belgium, or his boss. (5)  
 27 Eyelet can be warped to stop half oxymoron's gas diffusing. (9)

## Down:

- 1 Dam vampire slug? (5)  
 2 Depth of creek at ford for pelican nest-building trip. (7)  
 3 Thomas near enough for patriotic theatrical muso... (4)  
 4 What big cat consumed on her tea is all each of us gets by way of a pump. (3,5)  
 5 Could parts of Cicero tickle one's fancy in this way? (6)  
 6 His ilk often sketched dead. (10)  
 7 Moors' C13th glory. (7)  
 8 He deserves to be voted seer at the docks. (9)  
 12 Now for the smell of napalm. (10)  
 13 The lying-across of P L & aluminium. (9)  
 15 Ratio of paired interaction: the US version would wreck 21... (3-2-3)  
 17 Countryman discourses on elves. (7)  
 19 Swap a vowel twice for what could not have been lobbed at 7. (7)  
 20 Victory sign replaces road in 19 for city. (6)  
 23 Remove (and delete it) from degrees and stir for plant in area of 6, perhaps. (5)  
 24 Fast water-swirl, this wide boy... (4)

**June's Solution: Across:** 1 upside; 4 in-basket; 10 wedge-tail; 11 parer; 12 saw; 13 made a pass at; 14 a talon; 16 bashful; 19 upright; 20 Rileys; 22 Dardanelles; 25 cop; 26 axiom; 27 white feet; 28 tiger eye; 29 brandy. **Down:** 1 unwise; 2 soda water; 3 dream; 5 Nullarbor Plain; 6 appraisal; 7 Kurds; 8 throttle; 9 said another way; 15 legwarmer; 17 flyscreen; 18 Quadrant; 21 apathy 23 ruing; 24 swear.



## The Harcolairies of the Harcourt Valley

(George Milford can vouch for the authenticity of these little folk)

Some countries have their elves or sprites,  
Leprechauns, gnomes or fairies,  
But deep in the Harcourt Valley  
Live the dancing Harcolairies.

On the slopes of Alexander  
In the autumn leaves they dance;  
The oak forest is their trysting place,  
The whole valley they enhance.

As the raindrops fall in winter,  
They beat a rhythmic tune  
To set the Harcolairies dancing  
Against a dark and frosty moon.

In the springtime apple blossoms  
Turn orchards pink and green and white,  
And festoon the Harcolairies' hair  
As they dance through the night.

Their most festive time is summer  
When grassy fields in windrows lie.  
They spin the grass above their heads,  
And as they twirl, they almost fly.

So that is why the Harcourt babes  
Are born with happy feet;  
The Harcolairies sprinkle them  
With apple cider neat.

So when in the Harcourt Valley,  
If you see the grasses spin,  
It's a cert the Harcolairies  
And George Milford are therein.



**Melva Graham**

## June at Harcourt Valley Primary

June has been an active and productive month, even with cold season upon us as well as some good old fashioned cases of chicken pox and nits.

Back at the start of the month, staff and Prep 1-2 students from Harcourt Valley joined others at Castlemaine North for a Maths Morning organised by The Mount Alexander Math's Network. There, they all took part in a range of math's activities, including games like 5 in a row and Get out of my house. This was the preps first time out of the school on an excursion and they all enjoyed the day and made some new friends as well.

We were also visited by Valanga Khosa—a performance artist whom we've been hoping to see again ever since his impressive performance a few years ago. This time around, he entertained the entire school plus parents with his show *Circus in a Suitcase: Out of Africa* wherein he regaled us with over an hour of African stories and kept the rhythm going with his drums.

Camp for Grade 1 and Grade 2 kids got away for their camp, Discovering Bendigo. They enjoyed a very busy time including time spent at the Bendigo Art Gallery and the nearby Rosalind Park as well as a jaunt to Confectionary Capers at Junortoun.

Mid-year reports were sent home on the last Thursday of the month. These were in a different format from previous years and we're eager to hear what parents thought of the new look.

Finally, on the last day of school for the term, the kids treated onlookers to a showcase of the skipping skills they've been practicing. It's always good when fun and fitness come together.

Over the first half of the year, the school community has put a lot of effort into fundraising. So far, the results have been great raising a total of \$7,377 from the Applefest stall, the Lang House BBQ in front of the Castlemaine Newsagency and catering for the Castlemaine Cycling Club event. The money has been earmarked to pay for the a new bench at the school and to fund an 8 week hip hop dance program in Term 3.

While we hope the hip hop program gives rise to some great photos, in weeks to come. This month, our feature pic celebrates our fundraising superstars, showing organisers Jacq Cue, Di Selwood and Donna McMahon.

*David Ling*



Fund raisers extraordinaire - Jacqui Cue, Di Selwood and Donna McMahon.

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## Harcourt CWA

### *Sandwich anyone?*

After joining Harcourt CWA back in 2006 I was really looking forward to one of our branch functions where other branches and members of the community would join us for an afternoon of entertainment, followed by one of our famous afternoon teas.

I had heard rumours that Harcourt CWA knew how to put on a pretty good spread, and I was certainly not disappointed.

Naturally the scones were to die for, after all it was a CWA afternoon tea, but I had forgotten that the chocolate éclairs, the cream filled sponges, the melting moments, the lemon slice, the fruit cake, and an assortment of other slices and cakes would also be on offer.

And then I saw the sandwiches, plates of assorted sandwiches, filled with fillings to rival a rainbow.

I am a bit of a sandwich lover. Give me a choice between cake and sandwich, and most times I will take the sandwich. Going back 60 years and I still can remember the ham sandwiches my mum wrapped in grease proof paper and popped into a brown paper bag which I then took to school. Ham sandwiches are still my favourite... KR Castlemaine ham of course.

So, where did the word "Sandwich" originate?

Well...once upon a time there was a British statesman called John Montague. John Montague was the 4th Earl of Sandwich. One of his many pleasures was gambling.

Gambling day and night means endless hours playing cards, and many calls to the kitchen for

meat and cheese and bread to stave off the hunger pangs. Playing cards and eating became rather awkward due to holding the cards in one hand and using the other hand to eat, and it made the cards very sticky too, so the clever Earl thought of placing the meat and cheese between the slices of bread. When the other players saw this, they were very impressed and said, 'I'll have the same as Sandwich', and so the name has stuck.

The Earl was quite an accomplished gentleman and if you would like to know more about the man who gave us the sandwich, check out [http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Montagu,\\_4th\\_Earl\\_of\\_Sandwich](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Montagu,_4th_Earl_of_Sandwich)

These days you can ask for a sandwich in a cafe and end up with an assortment of meats, salad greens, dressings and breads, all very nice too, but if you are looking for the old fashioned sandwich of two white slices of buttered bread piled full of ham, or chicken or egg and lettuce, or one of our secret sandwich fillings, then come along to one of our community functions, or come and join us on the first Thursday of the month at Harcourt Leisure Centre at 1.30pm.

*Lyn Rule  
Publicity Officer*



Sandwich filling to rival a rainbow. Sponges and scones, but pass me a sandwich please, says Lyn Rule, Publicity Officer for the CWA.



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## Thank you to Sedgwick CFA

On a foggy morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June in the granite hills of North Harcourt, the Sedgwick CFA was invited to a morning tea hosted by the Morris Minor Garage.

The private collection of historic vehicles is situated on the property of Bill and Claire McKellar. Together with their son Richard and his wife Kim, the morning was to express the gratitude reflected by the community and to acknowledge the amazing work of the Sedgwick CFA and their volunteers, especially those who fought the fires in the area on the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 2013.

The day was well attended and a lot of lattes and laughs were enjoyed!

*Kim McKellar*



Above: Sedgwick Fire Brigade members

Members of the Sedgwick CFA enjoyed their visit and morning tea at the Morris Minor Garage - below and left



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# Harcourt Railway Station

It is keenly felt that V/Line should allow passenger pick-up and set down at Harcourt train station. This will involve construction of a new shelter and platform. The style of shelter may be seen at Talbot, on the Maryborough line. There is no need to interfere with the heritage structures such as the existing platform or buildings. We cannot ask that every train must stop. The community desire is for a limited number of services each day.

Residents of Harcourt, Ravenswood, Sutton Grange and all places north who wish to train it to Melbourne or Bendigo have to drive to Castlemaine, hunt for a parking spot and then walk two hundred metres along Kennedy Street to the train station. Those who make a commitment to use public transport have to scratch their head as they think of the petrol (and inconvenience) that could be saved if Harcourt train station was available.

Is there demand? Will there be sufficient numbers to justify construction works at the station? These questions raise the vexed question of cause and effect. It is a 'put-off' to state that there has been only steady population growth in the Harcourt area. This infers that there will be low usage of the facilities. But, invariably, it is found that provision of services encourages population growth and increasing utilization of those services. So – which comes first? Growth or services? Services or growth? The sewerage of Harcourt in 2001 and the subsequent population growth is an instructive precedent. Re-opening the train station will soon see viable numbers using the service.

The proximity of the Station to the Calder/Midland Interchange gives some weight to the desirability of spending money to open the Harcourt Station.

If Mount Alexander Shire Council wishes to encourage residential growth in and around Harcourt then it must resume the advocacy for the re-opening of the Harcourt train station.

The State Government should be receptive to this need to construct a new platform and shelter at Harcourt. Economists are telling the Government to spend up big on 'infrastructure' so that the State can avoid increasing unemployment. Infrastructure spending will rescue the economy from the doldrums. Earthworks and concrete are classic 'infrastructure'. The construction workers, the travelers, the sick who need to attend Melbourne hospitals, the residents of Kennedy Street and, even, the growth ambitions of Mount Alexander Shire will be well served by the reopening of the Harcourt train station.

*George Milford*



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**PLACE:** Ray Bradfield Room,  
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## Career Coach Finds The Good Life

Career Coach, Genevieve Ward has been helping people of Central Victoria develop their job search skills, to maximise their chances in the job application process. Genevieve moved from Melbourne two and half years ago to the small town of Harcourt and now finds balance in working one day per week in Melbourne and building up her local career consulting business, aptly named The Good Life Careers.

Genevieve is passionate about helping people manage change and supporting them on their career journey. She has developed professional resumes and applications, plus provided interview coaching and support to people in Harcourt, Castlemaine, Kyneton and Bendigo.

One of the rewards in Genevieve's work is hearing the news of her clients being offered their dream job. A particular success story is when she worked with Con who was seeking a career change, as he was scaling back his handyman business. Genevieve re-worked Con's resume and cover letter so they emphasised his achievements. This resulted in Con being granted an interview. Prior to the interview Genevieve provided Con with some valuable coaching and a week later he was pleased to report that he was offered a role working in Environment Services at the local hospital.

"I hadn't had a formal job interview for many years and it was extremely lucky that I teamed up with Gen," Con said. "I would have been a fish out of water with the new professionalism involved in this process today. Gen is very empathetic and made me feel confident and prepared by highlighting my strengths and tying together my skills and experience".

If you're embarking on a career change and need job search support, Genevieve is available for consultations by appointment and can be contacted on 0409 070 930 or [gen@thegoodlifecareers.com.au](mailto:gen@thegoodlifecareers.com.au)



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### The Tavern Harcourt Tavern & Motel - Update

It's business as usual in the Bistro while the front bar continues to be transformed into an exciting new cafe space. Owners Andy and Paula are pleased with the progress and hope to open the cafe doors mid-to-late July. In the meantime, escape the cold and drop in to enjoy a meal in front of the open fire. Wednesday is Parma night, Thursday is Pizza night and the Spit Roast lunch will continue on the first Sunday of the month. Book now on 5474 2211.



On 20 June Greens Senator-elect, Janet Rice stopped at the Harcourt General Store on her "listening tour" (by bike) to Canberra! Senator Rice posted a photo of herself with the owner – Amanda, on her Facebook page and writes "Amanda from the Harcourt general store, where we bought apples of course. Amanda and her husband Frank were pleased to meet me; & thought the Abbott budget stank!"

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# Community Diary Dates

**July 3** - CWA Meeting - 1.30 pm Harcourt Leisure Centre

**July 10** - Ceremony to commemorate the naming of Harmony Way- 2.30 pm Stanley Park

**July 10** - Local Botanist, Paul Foreman from Blue Devil Consulting will talk about the future of Southern Shepherd's Purse (*Ballantinia antipoda*) on Mount Alexander at the July meeting of the Harcourt Valley Landcare group at the Harcourt ANA Hall at 7.30 pm

**July 16** - Harcourt Progress Association, 7.00 pm, Harcourt Valley Primary School

**July 20** - Harcourt Heritage Museum monthly activity- 1.30pm Jarrod Coote: "Hidden Aspects of Mount Barker"

**July 25** - Mountain Bike Park Public Information Session, 7pm Harcourt Leisure Centre

**August 24** - Harcourt Heritage Museum monthly activity - 1.30 pm Kent Bates: "The Australian Flag."

**Reminder:** To see Coliban Water's weekly updates go to:

<http://www.coliban.com.au/site/root/projects/Harcourtruralmodernisation.html>

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Council invites you to a ceremony to commemorate the renaming of Harmony Way as part of NAIDOC Week 2014 celebrations.

The former Calder Highway has been renamed Harmony Way in acknowledgement of Harmony Henry Nelson's place in the history of the Dja Dja Wurrung people, and as a significant contributor to the shared history of the Shire.

**Date:** Thursday 10 July 2014

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Venue:** Stanley Park, Corner Harmony Way, Harcourt (next to scar tree)  
Afternoon tea will be provided at the ANA Hall in Harcourt afterwards

**RSVP:** Contact Vera Hemkes on (03) 5471 1771 or email  
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