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## Community Member and Youth of the Year



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### DEADLINES & PUBLICATION DATES

We aim to publish online by the 6th of the month. The deadline for submissions is the 24th of the month prior. Advertisers and community groups will be sent reminder emails. **There is no edition in January.**



Maree Edwards, MP attended the Applefest and was pleased to congratulate our two outstanding community members of the year.



IT WAS WITH GREAT pleasure that the Harcourt District Lions Club presented the award of Community Member of the Year to Paul Mizzi and Youth of the Year to Willow Kelly. The presentation was a highlight of the Harcourt Applefest celebrations on the Saturday 9 March.

### *Congratulations to Community Member of the Year Paul Mizzi*

Paul's nomination read:

'As an active member of the Harcourt community for over 20 years, Paul has consistently lent a

hand, sourced resources and led the team of many community organisations.

'Paul has been a key contributor in countless community events, such as the march to save the pool. He was a member of the Applefest Committee for 18 years and played the role of  
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# Community and Youth Members of the Year

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emcee on the day of the Applefest for those years. Paul has been involved with the Harcourt Progress Association since its inception. This last year in particular, Paul has played a significant role in the Harcourt Valley Community House establishment and operation.

'To cap all of these achievements, in 2024 Paul launched a not-for-profit, social enterprise and registered charity that aims to directly provide remote, meaningful employment to over 50s living in Regional Australia – especially Harcourt. This has taken an enormous amount of work. In my opinion, Paul is a prime example of a Community Member of the Year.'

## Congratulations to Youth of the Year recipient Willow Kelly.

Willow's nomination reads as follows:

'It is with great pleasure that the Harcourt Tennis Club nominates local Willow Kelly for Youth of the Year for 2023.

'Willow is a very talented and dedicated tennis player and our club is so proud of the tennis excellence she has achieved in the last few years. Willow has had outstanding results with her tennis during the past year, playing locally with her A-grade team, and participating in State Representation and Nationals.

'Willow started junior tennis with Harcourt at a young age and progressed very quickly throughout our competitions playing in the A Grade competition when she was only eleven years of age and is currently playing A-grade pennant for Castlemaine in the Bendigo League.

'Willow had a very busy 2023 and represented Victoria during the year at the Australian School Sports Championships (Bruce's Cup) held in Brisbane. She also qualified for the Australian National Championships which were held throughout the year in Wodonga, Canberra, Adelaide and most recently, Mildura in January 2024. Willow regularly represents the Loddon Campaspe Region with regional events across Victoria.

'Willow trains monthly with the Bendigo Academy of Sport and won an encouragement award in 2023. Willow has been involved in many Tennis Australia programs which support player's development and has been invited to train with the National Development Squad at Melbourne Park. Willow turned thirteen in December 2023; she commits many hours of practice weekly and trains in Castlemaine with coach, Anthony Zafiris.'

Thank you to those who nominated a worthy member of the community. We will do it all again next year, so please don't hesitate to nominate a member of your group.



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## Volunteers: yes, we still need you!

The community house is in desperate need of volunteers to help maintain the garden and undertake some administrative work for *The Core* and the house itself. If you have an interest in gardening, administration or even have some ideas of what sessions we could run at the house please contact Paul Mizzi on [paul.mizzi@harcourtprogress.org.au](mailto:paul.mizzi@harcourtprogress.org.au)

Remember that the community house is registered with Centrelink if you wish to volunteer as part of your Mutual Obligation plan. All volunteers will be welcome at the house to join the fun of establishing a viable community house.



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# HPA Update

There is very little to report from HPA this month. Whilst we are still heavily involved in establishing the community house, we have enjoyed the Labour Day weekend, Applefest, and the Easter break along with everyone else in Harcourt.

April suddenly seems very autumnal after the heat of only a couple of weeks ago, and it looks like more, much needed, rain is coming. This seems like a good time for planning and there is one calendar date coming up that is an opportunity for every volunteer-involving organisation in Harcourt and Castlemaine to note. National Volunteer Week (20 -26 May) is now in its 35th year, having started in May 1989. It is described by Volunteering Australia as:

‘the premier celebration of volunteers and volunteering in Australia and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our community and to say thank you to the millions of Australians who volunteer.’

In Australia in 2010, 36% of the population over the age of 15 volunteered for community organisations in 2020 the figure had dropped to 25%.

At the 2021 Census, Harcourt had a population of 1,038. with 82.4% of our population over the age of 15 – which is just over 850 people. According to the national volunteer statistics, one quarter of us over the age of 15 are very likely to be volunteers so, at least theoretically, we have around 212 people to thank for keeping our important CFA emergency service, service clubs, museum, the bowls, football, netball, and pony clubs, playgroup, school parent group, church, progress association, community newspaper, community house, model railway, CWA etc. etc. for providing community support and opportunities for the residents of Harcourt.

The theme for National Volunteer Week this year is ‘Something for everyone’, and Volunteering Australia has a number of resources freely available at [National Volunteer Week – Volunteering Australia \(www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw\)](http://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw)

If you are interested in volunteering at the Harcourt Valley Community House please contact us, we would love to see you.

*Sha Cordingley*  
President HPA

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## ANZAC Observance.

25th April, 2024

Meet at Harcourt Heritage Centre (ANA Hall) at 2.30 pm for afternoon tea.

At 2.50 pm Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band will lead the march from the Hall to Stanley Park

3.00 pm at the War Memorial, Stanley Park: Wreath laying and ANZAC observance.

All welcome. Medals to be worn.

## NCCMA Results of

### Flood Study

### April 10 – Heritage Centre

The North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) has arranged two drop-in presentations of the Flood Study carried out in 2023.

The two sessions at the ANA Hall are on Wednesday 10 April (from 3:30-5 pm and 6-7:30 pm). The purpose of these sessions is to present the final results of their flood study to the community.

Council has prepared a Shape page (<https://shape.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/harcourt-flood-study>) on this study. The introduction to the results says, ‘We (the Shire) have delivered the Harcourt Flood Study in partnership with the North Central Catchment Management Authority. This important process will strengthen decision-making related to land use and development, and improve flood warning and emergency agency response activities.’

Flood study maps, while not available as yet will be produced shortly (according to the Shape page).

One of the questions answered on the Shape page is:

- What does this mean for me and my property?

The answer provided is: ‘Access to detailed flood information will become available for landowners, developers and prospective purchasers to understand the flood risk associated with their property.’

Council and North Central CMA will also use the data to inform land use and development decisions, and shape planning overlays to be introduced to the Mount Alexander planning scheme.

Affected landowners will be engaged in a separate process closer to the Planning Scheme Amendment process.’

So, read up and come along to find out what the impacts on your property might be because of identified potential flooding in areas of Harcourt.

# Blume's Bakery

Over the last couple of years, *The Core* has been reporting on the progress towards the re-opening of Blume's Bakery. The family house and bakery is located on the corner of Victoria Road and Harmony Way. Blume's Bakery operated in Harcourt from 1921 (but began at Barkers Creek in 1862) and closed in 1960. Jodie and David Pillinger bought the house, rescued the wood fired oven, and began baking delicious breads and treats several years ago. Circumstances caused them to pause, but with new works happening at the front of the property and behind the scenes, they will soon be fully operational, although no firm date is available as yet.

One of Jodie and David's major goals when they first moved to Harcourt was to restore the fence. It's taken some time, but it is now complete with original gates. The restored front fence of the bakery has caught the eye of many people due to its outstanding workmanship.



## Here's a puzzle. Can you help?

The fence is such an eye-catcher, that long-time local, Faye Hards noticed the photos below when clearing out her mother's estate. Faye gave them to Jodie, as there is no doubt that the wedding party is standing in front of the original front fence of the house. There are no details about the date of this wedding, but the names of the men are all familiar to many who have lived in Harcourt for a good while.

One of the interesting questions the photos raise is, 'Why were the photographs taken in front of the bakery fence?' Names of those in the photos appear on the back; however, there are some details which are incongruous or missing. Can you help?

**Wedding photo number 1:** Shows the bride (no first name; surname Faull) and the bridesmaid who is also not named.

**Wedding photo 2:** Groom, Lindsay Warren with his bride (no first name; surname Faull).

**Wedding photo 3:** Garth Symes, Lindsay Warren, bride (no first name; surname Faull), bridesmaid (not named) Bill Hoare, Alan Robins, (Minister) and then Howard Carr's name is tacked on the end. The flower girls, who seem to have been caught off-guard, are also not named.

There are only four men in the photo. Is it possible that all the photos were taken by Howard?

**Wedding photo 4:** Alan Robins.

If you have any clues about the circumstances of the wedding and the photos and have answers to the puzzles of the names of the wedding party, *The Core* would love to hear from you. Please respond to [news@harcourt.vic.au](mailto:news@harcourt.vic.au)

**Footy is back! Come; join in the fun at Harcourt FNC.**  
**Auskick (5-12yo) Wednesdays 4.30 pm from 1 May**  
**Enquiries: Mark 0409 011 104**

# Safeguard Harcourt's Wildlife Corridors: Petition

Harcourt Valley Landcare, [www.harcourtvalleylandcare.org](http://www.harcourtvalleylandcare.org), has been busy working on a campaign to protect Harcourt's wildlife corridors and biodiversity assets from inappropriate development, for future generations. Harcourt is a special part of our region, and has significant vegetation that is critical habitat for threatened species such as the Brush-Tailed Phascogale, Brown Toadlet and Sun Moth Orchid, as well as many majestic large old trees and habitat corridors. The Harcourt Valley Landcare Group has started a petition on [Change.org](http://Change.org) ([www.change.org/p/safeguard-harcourts-wildlife-corridors](http://www.change.org/p/safeguard-harcourts-wildlife-corridors)), to request the Mount Alexander Shire Council protect such natural assets from inappropriate development to ensure our wildlife and biodiversity thrive into the future.

## Safeguard Harcourt's Wildlife Corridors: please sign the petition

Harcourt residents are lucky to enjoy the natural beauty of a place that affords them bush to exercise and socialise in, views to Leanganook (Mt Alexander), wildlife to encounter, Barkers Creek and rich soils to

nourish us and majestic, tall trees to watch over us.

Whether we live in Harcourt township and stroll the streets with our dogs in the morning, or spend our weekends caring for larger properties, whether we grow our livelihood from the land or just seek solace from it after earning our livelihood elsewhere, we all benefit from the land the Dja Dja Wurrung people have cared for, for generations.

**Join Harcourt Valley Landcare Group's call for Mt Alexander Shire Council to protect wildlife corridors that allow safe passage for our precious native species from Leanganook (Mt Alexander) to the Walmer Forest.**

And yet, we are at risk of losing this. Harcourt was identified in 2014 as a town that can support growth and Mount Alexander Shire Council has been developing [Plan Harcourt](#), the document that shapes how this might look, since 2020. Safeguarding the nature



we love in Harcourt hangs on the strength of the environmental protections in this document.

Nature needs you to let Mount Alexander Council know you care about Harcourt's precious natural environment and that you're watching this process with interest, by signing this petition.

These wildlife corridors include roadside vegetation corridors like Elys Lane, Douglas Lane, Shady Lane and Eagles Rd; and waterways such as Barkers Creek and Picnic Gully Creek. We call for strong protections for Large Old Trees, habitat for the Brush-tailed Phascogale, Brown Toadlet and Golden Sun Moth Orchid.

**[Click here to sign the petition and for more information](#)**



## Harcourt Uniting Church

No doubt you will have enjoyed some Hot Cross buns and Easter eggs in the last few weeks. When I was a child, we had to wait until Good Friday to eat Hot Cross buns and then wait until Easter Sunday to find an Easter egg at the end of our bed. I don't remember there being many Easter eggs in the shops until just before Easter. How things have changed!

Easter is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar however, unlike Christmas, the date for Easter varies each year. The moon phases determine when we celebrate Easter. In Australia the first full moon after the equinox (which was March 20) means that



we celebrate Easter the following Sunday. So it all centres on astronomy and the moon phases.

At Harcourt Uniting Church we celebrated Palm Sunday, remembering when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey with the crowd waving palm branches to welcome their king. We had palm branches to decorate the church, however, if it had all happened in Australia, no doubt we would have been waving gum branches.

Good Friday saw the crowds turn on Jesus and he was crucified. On Easter Sunday, the tomb was empty and Jesus rose from the dead. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell the story of Easter. As you enjoy some Easter

eggs, we hope you will think of the true meaning of Easter.

On Sunday April 28 you are invited to a concert at the Harcourt Uniting Church in Buckley Street at 2.30 pm entitled: 'More Stories in Words and Music'. As the title says there will be: stories by Kate, George and Terry; songs by Sue and the Solomon Islanders choir, instrumental music by Brasselmaine and Mannie and Ellie, followed by a delicious afternoon tea provided by the church members. Entry is by donation. More details are available from Solway: 0410 799 297.

**Little Timmy was standing beside the minister and said: 'You know, being a Christian and going to Church is great.'**

**The minister asked: 'Why do you say that Timmy?'**

**Timmy: 'Well - when Jesus is born we get presents and when Jesus dies and rises again we get lots of chocolate.'**

Jan Jenkin



# Harcourt CFA The Colours of Autumn

## Hold off on burning your bonfire

The leaves on the trees are showing signs of changing colour indicating that summer may have passed, but warmer weather has continued through March, as was expected, and fire restrictions are still in place throughout Victoria. While there is no date set yet for the end of restrictions, when they do end, it is important to still be aware of your responsibility when burning off. I have noticed many piles of vegetation around the district obviously waiting for this time. Important things to remember when the time comes is to not only register your burn, but also ensure that the weather conditions will be right and there is no expected wind change or gusts predicted. Always ensure you have enough resources on hand, which includes manpower and sufficient water to keep it under control. If there is no date set for the ending of restrictions in April, they will automatically end on 1 May, unless overridden due to continued risk. We have been fortunate to have a reasonably quiet season and it would be a shame to undo the good work done by everybody by letting the guard down.

## Brigade Activity

Early in March the brigade attended a grass and scrub fire on the Calder Freeway at Taradale. The brigades paged first were Elphinstone, Malmsbury and Taradale. Early in the incident the response was escalated. Harcourt was included as one of the seventeen additional brigades, in addition to aerial support. Freeway design, including wire rope barriers, was one of the issues encountered. Many hands on deck ensured that the mop up did not drag too long into the night.

The second call was on March 11 when smoke was sighted in the vicinity of the intersection of Fogartys Gap Road and Woodbrook Road in Walmer. This turned out to be one of those situations where there was smoke sighted initially, but no fire was found. Rubber tyre marks on the road indicated the likely cause of the smoke and so the callout was declared a 'false alarm, good intent' and, therefore, we returned the trucks to the shed. The third turnout was to a shed/workshop fire in White Gum Road on March 23.

As you can see from the above, no two jobs are the same. This is why the brigade has a training calendar that covers a variety of topics and scenarios throughout the year. It's a good idea to apply this principle to your emergency plan. It should not only cover fire, but the variety of emergencies that can occur at any time. Recently, the SES distributed an Emergency Management Guide (circulated with the Midland Express delivery), which is a valuable tool to keep on your fridge. If you did not get one then I am sure that if you contact the SES they will have extra copies available.

The deployment of Harcourt Tanker 1



last month to the large fire over near Beaufort saw five overnight crews despatched, as well as other members assisting with the logistics of returning trucks back home. Fortunately, weather conditions predicted during this time did not eventuate so the deployment ended up being shorter than planned.

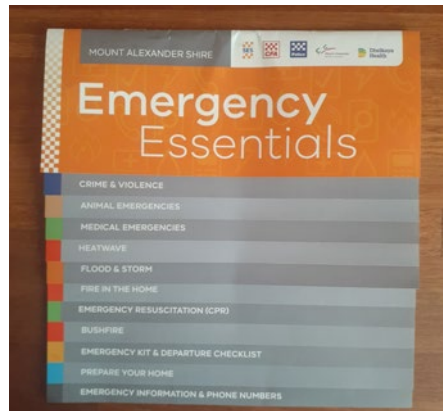
Applefest was another day of warm weather. Brigade members manned our site throughout the day and valued the opportunity to engage with you, the public. Unfortunately, due to the day being a declared a day of Total Fire Ban for the Shire of Mount Alexander, the North West Community Education group was not able to attend, hence we did not have the little fire truck for the kids to play on. Due to the site next to us not being used, we were able to squeeze in our Tanker 2 for display as well as our little squirry trucks. It was a successful day overall given the conditions and, fortunately, there was no call out to interrupt the day.

Before too long the chills of winter will be approaching, and our focus will be on fire safety around the house. The first step for those who still have the older battery smoke detectors will be to change the battery in line with the end of Daylight Saving.

Stay safe and prepared.

*Tyrone Rice*

*Brigade Community Safety Coordinator*



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## Councillor Comment



Hi all,

By the time you read this, Easter will be done and dusted. I hope you had a few days off and caught up with friends and family.

In the last week we have done a quick trip to Tasmania. For those of you that may not know, I have a younger sister Rosemary who lives in Hobart. Rosemary and her partner got married last Friday, so that was very exciting. While we were there, we travelled to Cygnet which is the apple growing area of Tasmania. Growing up in Harcourt I have often heard about Tasmanian apples, so it was great to see that area first-hand. Surprise surprise, their fruit growing area looked very similar to ours!

Apart from my travels, Council has been busy with the March meeting as well as extra sessions on the budget.

You may be aware I voted against a couple of planning decisions at the Council meeting. Both had quite a few objections from the community, so I took the opportunity to argue their case. The background to this is that applicant objector meetings are held separately to Council meetings these days, with the result that if there is no debate the objectors may not be heard.

When you are on the losing side of the debate it makes you want to push harder next time around.

The budget is getting close to being ready to go out for public comment. I can assure you that public submissions are taken very seriously by Councillors so the more the merrier. Money is always tight, but there is always some fine tuning. One Councillor calls it horse trading! My horse is long gone, but I continue to work hard for our community.

Included in the budget is a section on fees and charges. Many charges are set by the state so they are outside our control. Charges set by Council often seem to be rising, so I suggest you look at these when you see the draft budget. You could say this is reading the fine print.

Best regards to all

Tony  
AG Cordy  
0439 742 434



## Autumn Concert in the Beautiful Harcourt Church

Harcourt Church will host an autumn concert on 28 April, featuring both spoken stories and music.

Last spring's entertaining stories included George Milford's 'The Game of Boulders' and Terry White's 'Greatest Breakthroughs in my 4-year Window-dressing Career'. A group of young Solomon Islander men sang in melodious harmony, and Fay White brought an inspiring message about noteworthy women.

Don't miss the April concert: More Stories in Words and Music. Several of the above artists will feature again, plus children's author Kate Nannestad reading from her own writings, Sue Proeve singing, Mannie Maund (cello) and Ellie Close (violin) playing duets, and a hoped-for return of Brasslemaine.

To complete the afternoon, hot drinks and refreshments will be served in the hall, where you will have a chance to meet the performers and make new acquaintances.

The concert starts at 2.30 pm on Sunday 28 April in the Uniting Church, Buckley Street, Harcourt. Bear in mind the church is not very large, so it is wise to be early to secure a seat!

Donations will go to the Asylum Seekers Welcome Centre in Brunswick.

Enquiries can be directed to Solway on 0410 799 297 or [solway@mmnet.com.au](mailto:solway@mmnet.com.au)



Sunday 28 April at 2:30 pm  
Harcourt Uniting Church,  
Buckley Street Harcourt

Story: Kate Nannestad, George Milford, Terry White  
Song: Sue Proeve, Solomon Islander Choir  
Instrumental: Brasslemaine, Mannie Maund and Ellie Close

Afternoon Tea - Harcourt Church

Donations for Asylum Seekers Welcome Centre

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# HARCOURT APPLEFEST 2024

There was a sense of foreboding in weather forecasts in the days leading up to Harcourt's big day. March 9 was to be a day of Total Fire Ban. The radio advised us that music festivals had been cancelled throughout western Victoria. But, following an assessment of the site and consultation with CFA, the 33rd Harcourt Applefest went ahead and proved to be a great crowd pleaser.

The 38-degree day did not keep people away. The crowds came early and left early before the heat became too much. Entertainment by the Kashmir Belly Dancers, Thompson's Foundry Band, Harcourt Valley Primary School Choir, Castlemaine Secondary College's two ensembles, The Australian Women's Choir, Bruce Bennett on trumpet and the brilliant Duck Cameron Magician/Conjuror all kept the families engrossed on the two stages from 10 am – 3 pm. Duck Cameron's Magic was captivating; one observer noted, 'I looked around and all I could see was a sea of smiling happy faces.' The story teller's audience was riveted with her stories that were brought alive by costumes and puppets.

The market was probably the largest ever. With over 80 market stalls around James Park, there was plenty of opportunity for both local and regional artists and makers to show their wares to the many tourists who came for the day. The mayor, Cr Matthew Driscoll, spoke in eloquent terms of the development of the apple industry from bud burst to harvest. The mayor was joined on stage by Jacinta Allan, MP Bendigo East and Premier of Victoria, Maree Edwards, MP Bendigo West—Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Lisa Chesters MHR for Bendigo. Of course, the Baking, Lego and Pie Eating contests were huge draw cards, enjoyed by both locals and visitors to our region. The two 'hot spots' for the day were the very popular Lego Wall, where a mural was built. This was busy with both young and more mature Lego lovers, along with the free water fountain supplied by Coliban Water. Both free activities kept the little ones amused, hydrated and busy and out of

the heat. The Applefest Art Show drew many favourable comments. Food and beverage vans, offering a variety of tastes from around the world, helped make Applefest 2024 a very memorable day for all attendees.

Preparation for the great day had involved erecting the temporary stage loaned by Castlemaine Rotary Club. Never before had such a large platform been required. A huge marquee also loaned by Rotary provided shade for the performers and made for a great setting for the entertainment later in the day.

In the balmy autumn evening, James Park was an ideal setting for the 'Dusty Springfield Show' presented by Wendy Stapleton and Friends. Over 200 people attended, and we laughed, sang and danced the night away, while enjoying local wines, spirits and beer along with some delicious food. The 'Dusty Springfield Story' is fascinating and full of joy and sadness; all told through Dusty's songs that she made famous in the 1960s to the 1990s. There were visitors from as far away as Geelong, Melbourne, Macedon, Maryborough and Bendigo who all said James Park was a wonderful venue for music events. Many people have approached the Applefest Committee to organise something similar in the future. At time of writing, the Mount Alexander Shire is seeking funding to enhance the Park with a permanent stage. Judging by Applefest 2024, this will respond to an obvious need.

Thanks to our hard-working committee members, volunteers and sponsors, early planning and practical assistance made all the difference. We are very grateful to the Belle Property Group, IGA Maxi, Woolworths, the local Harcourt CFA (whose presence allowed Applefest to go ahead due to the weather conditions), Elphinstone Primary School & Playgroup, 1st Castlemaine Scouts, Harcourt Leisure Centre, Harcourt Lions Club, Harcourt Progress Association, Castlemaine Rotary Club and all the family members and friends of the Applefest Committee 2024. Without these volunteer groups, Applefest would not be the wonderful community event it is.

*George Milford and Ruth Hay*

## Applefest Art Show

The 2024 Applefest Art Show drew entries from far and wide, with a lot of the works submitted by members of art societies in Bendigo.



Innovative works, technically described as 'Other Medium' included three-dimensional pieces, glass sculpture, paper sculpture, copper plate etchings, drypoint engraving, scraperboard and linocuts.

Quite a number of visitors availed themselves of the chance to buy an original, affordable, authentic piece of art. The judge, Dr Paul Northam, commented on the superb technical ability of the many artists as well as the originality in the various artists' treatment of their subjects. The 'Best in Show' award went to 'North Harcourt Road, looking north' by Rinke Slotegraaf. Judge Paul said, 'The idea of tackling a traditional landscape,

after centuries of landscape painting, is not for the faint-hearted. However, Rinke has created an outstanding example of the genre. The painting most definitely imparts the feeling of being there.'

The Applefest Art Show, run as a fundraiser for Harcourt Heritage Centre, brings together the skills of volunteers and artists and, for thirty years, has ensured that Harcourt Heritage Centre maintains its 'place on the map' as a stimulating and lively cultural institution.





# Applefest Art Show 2024 Awards



## Harcourt Valley Primary School

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

Artist: Rinke Slotegraaf Title: North Harcourt Road, looking North.

**Highly Commended Oil/Acrylic Woolworths voucher \$50**

Artist: Allison Howarth Title: Christmas Cherries

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

Artist: Janice Nokes Title: Glacier

**Highly commended Watercolour Woolworths voucher \$50**

Artist: Aimee Black Title: Looking for Mischief

**Best Watercolour (Shirley Stewart Memorial Award) \$150**

Artist: Phyllis Forbes Title: Icy Hue

**Highly Commended Other Medium Woolworths voucher \$50**

Artist: Heather Wallace Title: Dreamscape

**Best Other Medium \$150**

Artist: Linda Newton Title: The Humble Pollinator

**Highly Commended Local Subject Woolworths voucher \$50**

Artist: Stephen Phillis Title: Around Harcourt #1

**Best Local Subject \$150**

Artist: Lynette McNaughton Title: Harcourt Post Office

### STUDENT AWARDS

**Highly Commended Junior 12 years & under \$20**

Artist: Elsa Carlton Title: Grandfather's Garden

**Best Junior 12 years & under \$40**

Artist: Nicola White Title: Rainbow Flowers

**Highly Commended Senior 13 to 18 years \$30**

Artist: Shelby Allen Title: Lost in the Butterflies

**Best Senior 13 to 18 years \$60**

Artist: Tahlia Giffard Title: Peas in a Pod



### Run for Mack

On Sunday March 17, staff at HVPS participated in the Herald Sun Run for the Kids, to assist in raising funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. In particular the staff was running to support Mack, a student from the school who is being treated for Leukaemia.

Much to the delight of all involved, they landed a spot on the TV show, Sunrise.



### Success with Applefest baking

Well done and thank you to everyone who assisted baking apple pies for the Applefest. Thank you also to those families who donated other products for sale. Much energy was expended by parents and staff and community volunteers in achieving a bountiful supply of apple pies for the big day on Saturday March 9. Hot day? No worries! The apple pies sold well to the tune of \$4085.85!

### Did you miss out on an Apple Pie?

You can contact the school office on: 5474 2266 or call in and place an order. More apple pies will be baked for sale in Term 2.

### Art Show Success

Some lovely works from the children of our school were entered in the Art Show. Thank you to Ms Maddaford, our art teacher for organising the student entries.



### Other exciting news

Thank you to Trevor Chaplin for the donation of four veggie boxes for the new outdoor classroom.

A new deck has been constructed for the Shelter in Place (gymnasium).

Ms Maddaford with some of the artwork.

### The Core Writing Competition Award

We hope you enjoy reading this month's student story. See page 12 for Ryah McAinch's story. Ryah was a Grade 6 student in 2023. Ryah was presented with a certificate at the end-of-year graduation ceremony as a finalist in *The Core Writing Competition*.

### Term 2 dates:

Term 2 resumes on Monday 15 April and finishes on Friday 28 June 2024.



# Chatting with Harcourt CWA

The Country Women's Association of Victoria, Central Victoria Group consists of nine branches. The branches are Castlemaine, Dunolly, Harcourt, Newbridge, Heathcote, Maryborough, Newstead, Sutton Grange and Phoenix Chewton. Throughout the year the branches socialise with other branches, attend each other's fund-raising events and take turns to hold the group's yearly conference. This year it was Harcourt's turn to hold the conference.

After an article appeared recently in the Castlemaine Mail about the Castlemaine Community House food bank running low on non-perishable goods, Harcourt invited all branches attending the conference to contribute to the food bank. The result was amazing with boxes and boxes of items collected, which will now be made available to families in our community facing hardship. Many thanks to the members of all of branches who contributed to this worthy cause in our Shire.



Our Applefest stall with Helen, Bev, Robyn, Judi, Lyn and Marie.

Each year our branch has a stall at Applefest, and each year we are delighted with the smiles and best wishes that we receive from the visitors who attend this wonderful annual event. This year was no different, and the high temperatures didn't faze our loyal customers who came along and bought our goodies.

This year our apple-themed cakes, desserts and slices were a great hit with the many customers who come back for

more, and so it was no surprise to see two of our members take out prizes in the Apple Baking Competition. Congratulations Robyn and Helen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who bought a ticket in our raffle. Applefest is our main fundraiser for the year and our raffle is an important contributor to the funds we raise. This year we had as first prize a beautiful hand-made quilt by our President, Robyn with second and third prizes being food hampers. I'm sure that that our first prize winner, Judy Wagstaff, was delighted with her quilt.



President, Robyn donates the first box of items to CCH, Bronwyn Kelsey.



Robyn and Helen succeed again in the Baking Competition.



Judy Wagstaff shows off her first-prize Quilt.

Many thanks to photographer Bev Orgill for giving us the excellent photographs which we have used this month.

We meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Harcourt Leisure Centre at 1:30 pm and, as always, we would love to have you join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Lyn Rule

Publicity Officer Harcourt CWA

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# La Larr Ba Gauwa Park's Bike Trails Re-Open



La Larr Ba Gauwa Park in Harcourt has had a major restoration to bike trails and amenities and has reopened to the public thanks to extensive restoration efforts following the 2022 floods.

Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards MP welcomed locals and visitors back to the La Larr Ba Gauwa Park's network of world-class mountain bike trails on March 12. She said, 'The upgrades at La Larr Ba Gauwa Park will benefit locals and visitors alike, providing a great space to enjoy the outdoors and learn about the area's rich cultural history.'



The restoration included repairing all eleven bike trails, catering to riders of all levels from beginners to advanced. Enhanced drainage systems were installed to safeguard the park against erosion from weather and use. Additionally, the La Larr Ba Gauwa access track was repaired.

The park's Picnic Gully campground now features a new toilet block, fire pits, and a freshly resurfaced car park and road. The introduction of new granite bollards, with landscaped camping spots reduces impacts on the surrounding natural environment.

DJANDAK was responsible for delivering the upgrades at Picnic Gully campground, incorporating Djarra design elements such as interpretative signage that highlight the area's cultural significance. La Larr Ba Gauwa translates to 'stones and mountain' in the Dja Dja Wurrung language.

The federal and state governments dedicated \$682,650 to restore the park's trail, as part of over \$11.8 million provided to 125 voluntary committees of management to restore recreation areas and facilities damaged by the 2022 floods, expanding opportunities for people to explore parks and forests.

The Labor government's Victoria's Great Outdoors program provided a \$200,000 Camping and Caravan grant to upgrade the campground, as part of a \$106.6 million investment to provide more opportunities for people to explore Victoria's iconic parks and forests, while creating local jobs and supporting the growth of regional economies.

*From a Press Release*

# Harcourt Tennis Club

Harcourt won on the day: 88 games 11 sets to Marong 7 sets 71 games.

Best player on the day was Alex Manning losing only five games against her for the day.

But overall it was a very good team effort by everyone who participated on the day in beautiful weather.



*Photos show the full team and Sharon and Michael Blake receiving the grand final shield and flag for 2024.*

## Harcourt's Little Library

**Harcourt's Little Library is outside the ANA Hall**



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# The Crash

by Ryah McAinch

## CHAPTER ONE THE CRASH

BANG! CRASH! I feel my body jolt forwards as my eyes close as fast as light. Glass shattered like spears coming towards my face. The glass pierces my skin like thousands of little needles. I feel my breath get taken away as my breathing slows down. The feel of the airbag pushing glass into my skin is unsettling and painful. My body wants to move but I feel dreary as I hear sirens approaching, I feel like this is it. My life flashes before me quicker than ever. Sirens come closer as I come closer to death. I hang my head into the airbag as paramedics arrive at the scene. They pull me out and strap me to an old rickety stretcher and wheel me into the ambulance. "This is a bad one," said the paramedic holding the stretcher. "Step on the gas she doesn't have much time left," the paramedic said in a panicked tone. The car ride back I was confused what happened to my life, and why was it almost over?

As I awake my eyes are closed. I try everything to open my eyes, trying to move every muscle in my face. Nothing moves. Panic sets in. What has happened to me. I don't know what to do. I try to move my body, same thing happened. What is this? My body was frozen. I was turned to stone, cold, hard, stone. I was frozen but time wasn't, nurses moving my body to a room. CLICK CLANK the harsh and unstable wheels roll on the wooden floor. The nurses agilely twist me around the corner and the pace shifts to a sluggish jog as they settle me into the room. My body feels like an elephant sat on my stomach. My lips purse as I take one last breath. I hear the long beep of a flat line as all of my conscious is over.

## CHAPTER TWO MOTHER

I wake up to darkness, can't sleep, can't move. I hear a whimper as a doctor allows a woman into the room.

She whispers, "Hello, beautiful. I miss you so much, I miss my Paige. I got some bad news today. Dad." A silence fills the room. Horror fills my thoughts. "Brad, well," tears well up in her eyes. "He's passed." I wanted to hug Mum. I wanted to cry, but I could do nothing there in my useless body. "You're all I have, Paige. Stay strong, stay strong for Dad. Stay strong for me," cries Mum. "Times up, Mary Green," said a doctor. "No I still need her, she still needs me," screams Mum.

"Good morning, Paige," I hear. "My name is doctor Savannah. I will be your doctor for your stay. Let me just draw some blood," Savannah says with a pleasant tone, but I don't get it, why is she talking to me, it's not like I can respond to her. I will just sit there doing nothing, being nothing. As the needle grazes my skin a shiver goes down my spine. I get a flashback to the crash. Glass going through my skin, piercing it with thousands of shards, the feel is identical to the needle. My mind feels light like I'm about to collapse. Well I already have collapsed.

"Good job, Paige. Why am I even talking to you. It's not like you can hear or respond to what I'm saying. You're In a coma, and even I know that because I was in one." My jaw dropped, well if I could drop my jaw it would be on the floor. Doctor Savannah was in a coma? When? How? I need to know. Before I can think any more, she places her hand on mine. It makes me feel comfortable, like everything is going to be alright. But I'm still confused. Am I not in a coma? I felt so conscious, so alive, so me. It felt more like I was paralysed, not in a coma. Mum walks into the room. As she comes into the room, Doctor Savannah swiftly walks out. I could hear her pace by the rapid sound of footsteps on the floor. Mum held my hand, but it felt cold and harsh. Yesterday I felt sympathy for her, now I feel uncomfortable around her. It's like all of a sudden

she was perfectly fine. Why was she so heartbroken yesterday? Then it hit me. She never never got along with Dad. So did she cause the crash? Did she do something, that witch. God she's a good actor. She had me fooled for a second. I hate that I wanted to help her but then things just got a whole lot worse. RING RING RING RING. I feel the vibration running through the bed. It hits my back like a spider crawling up it. Mum picks up the phone. Her voice deepened and becomes quieter.

**MUM:** "Yes, Honey."

**MAN:** "Is Brad dead? Like dead, not in a stupid coma."

**MUM:** "Yes, yes he is. He is dead. Gone forever."

**MAN:** "Splendid, I couldn't be happier. Now we really need to buy that beach house in California. I can just imagine it now. Our feet running through the sand"

**MUM:** "I know, right. We really do, hahaha." Cackles mum.

An alarm goes off in my head as anxiety creeps up on me. I want her to leave and go away and never ever come back! I don't even want to hear of Mum again, or who I thought was my Mum. I will never call her Mum again, only Mary. But that was just the beginning.

**MARY:** "You know that guy that agreed to cause the crash for \$2000 dollars?"

**MAN:** "Yeah, the one with brown eyes and blonde hair about 50 years Old."

**MARY:** "Yeah him. He died, so we don't have to pay him."

**MAN:** "Hahaha, amazing, this is just amazing."

**MARY:** "Yeah, but I have one little problem."

**MAN:** "What is it? I want to help."

**MARY:** "Well you know that girl that I kidnapped a while ago?"

**MAN:** "Yeah. What about her? Wait, wasn't she in the car crash"

**MARY:** "Yeah, she was, but she didn't die. She's in a coma. I just want her to die. She is just ruining all of our perfect plans"

**MAN:** "It's okay. Didn't the hospital say that she will probably die in the next couple days? It's fine, calm down. Plus we can probably abandon her."

**MARY:** "Trust me, I want to abandon her. I want to abandon her more than anybody in the world. But there is one problem with it."

**MAN:** "Okay, what is it? I can help."

**MARY:** "Well, because of the stupid law, Paige is going to inherit half of his will, which is so annoying, because I only get half, so we only get ten thousand out of the twenty, so basically by the law we will have to see her every six months, so it doesn't classify as abandonment. It is so annoying."

**MAN:** "Okay, we will have to see her every six months if she is even still alive."

**MARY:** "Okay, thanks. But I got to go, so see you later. Love you."

**MAN:** "Love you too."

WHAT? SHE WANTS ME DEAD!  
It feels like my life has been flipped, turned and reversed around. I feel so nauseous, like I'm going to faint and collapse and die. Well, if I even do die, she'll be happy. It feels like all the knowledge of who I am is gone. Who am I now. Who's even my real mum? Is Dad my real dad? And that was the last time I heard of her for six months.

### **CHAPTER THREE FLASHBACKS AND ECHOES**

Those six months were the best and worst six months of my life. Best, well I get to listen to Doctor Savannah talk pretty much every day, and she always put on Taylor Swift music. Taylor was really helpful to keep me positive, and I really see why Doctor Savannah loves her. She is a lyrical genius. The worst six months, well, I'm in a coma or paralysed. But when Doctor Savannah wasn't in the room or playing Taylor Swift, I was wondering about who that guy was on the phone, and what happened the night before the crash. I've been getting flashbacks and echoes of what happened that night. Words slowly coming back to me of fear, terror and panic. One night after Savannah said goodnight and left the room a gust of wind shoots into the room. The raw, sharp wind covers my body like a blanket then it all comes back to me.

**MARY:** "What do have a suitcase for honey?"

**DAD:** "Oh nothing, just, umm."

**MARY:** "Come on, you can trust me. NOW, WHAT IS THE SUITCASE FOR?"

**DAD:** "FINE! I was going to go on a business trip, Honey"

**MARY:** "Oh come on, you don't need

to lie to your own wife."

**DAD:** "YOU'RE NOT MY WIFE!"

**CLICK CLICK!**

I toss and turn in my bed trying to get to sleep, but I can't with Mary and Dad yelling. It was like this most nights, but this night was different. When I look through the crack in my door, I see Mary with a gun to Dad's head. A cold sweat takes over me.

**DAD:** "Oh, Honey. No need to get the gun out."

**MARY:** "Oh, Honey. No need to not call me your wife."

**DAD:** "Okay, fair play, wife"

**MARY:** "Good job. Now go tell Paige that the neighbours were just having a heated fight. Okay?"

**DAD:** "Okay"

I see Dad starting to walk to my room. I swiftly jump into my bed and pull the doona cover over my head. The door slowly creeps open. "Hey, Sweetie. Pack some clothes into your school bag, but just don't tell Mum. Okay, kid," Dad whispered. "Okay, Dad," I said back. "That's my girl," Dad said.

That's what happened the night before the crash. Mary and Dad got into a fight, and he asked me to pack my bag, so in the morning, instead of going to school, we would've left. So that's when? The morning of the crash. Now that I knew, I was really tired, so I slowly drift off to sleep.

### **CHAPTER FOUR WAKE UP CALL!**

This morning starts off like any other – waking up, sitting in bed for like thirty minutes till Doctor Savannah comes in, but then all of a sudden the morning wasn't so normal. "Good morning, Paige. Happy birthday," she said happily. What? It's my birthday? My birthday's not till the 13th of December. I really have been paralysed or in a coma for six months. "Hello, Paige," said a voice. No, no it can't be. "Hello, Mary," Savannah said, sighing. Oh no, no, no. Why her? Why her, that stupid horrible woman. Oh no, she leans over and tries to hug me. I sit up and slap her across the face. A big red mark appears on her face

**ME:** "I'm awake. I'm awake."

**MARY:** "Paige, what was that?"

**ME:** "What was that, you ask. That was six months of anger hatred and

fear. That was six months of torture, lying here in this bed pretty much from doing nothing. Causing the entire crash to go hang out with your new boyfriend in California in a beach house. You killed Dad and you show mercy. You are horrible and wicked person. There's not enough words in this world to define you. Get out."

**SAVANAH:** "That is what you have done to my child and my husband. You're a horrible person. You do not deserve her. You disgusting, gruesome, revolting woman. You are sick, truly sick. Get out now."

**ME:** "You're my mum, Doctor Savannah?"

**SAVANAH:** "Yes I am, Paige"

She comes and hugs me. I feel like everything stops. Like the world is perfect.

### **CHAPTER FIVE THE AFTERMATH**

After that day my life is pretty much perfect. Mary and her boyfriend went to jail for 25 years, so that will hopefully be the last time I ever see her. Doctor Savannah was my birth mum, so I went to live with her. She is the perfect mother. I love her to bits. Everything pretty much worked out. I feel like the happiest girl in the world. I have great friends, great family, great school, everything is perfect, but it might be too perfect ...

**Linda Newton**

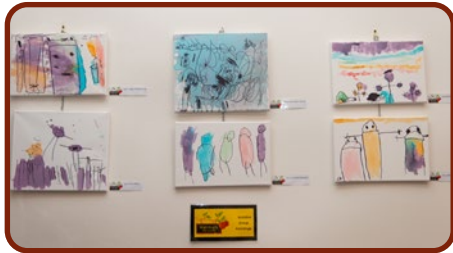


*Willie Wagtail on Harcourt fencegate*

# HARCOURT APPLEFEST 2024



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# Harcourt Heritage Centre

## After discharge, what next?

On ANZAC Day we recall those who died in defence of our country. We should also recall those who gave up three or four years of their young lives to serve in the armed forces. The men came from each of the services, army, navy and air force. They had been posted to a variety of units. Some had been privates, some had attained higher rank. Many had been engaged in enemy action, exposed to heavy artillery. Some had been Prisoners of War. But it was all in the past. The War was over. They came home to Harcourt in 1945 and 1946. They had been discharged from their units and believed themselves isolated from the discipline and mateship of the war years. They had to regroup. And so it was that the Harcourt sub-branch of the Returned Services League was formed on 19 February 1946.

There were about 76 ex-servicemen in Harcourt at that time, but at the first RSL meeting, held in the ANA Hall, there were sixteen members present.

One of the first projects was to procure a house for Mrs Dot Struhs, whose husband had been last heard of as a prisoner of war at Hainan Island. Donations of money and timber were noted in the RSL Sub-Branch Minute Book from time to time in the next few years. It seems that the widow's house, on the corner of Symes Rd and the Midland Highway, was ready to be occupied in 1949.

A few weeks after the Sub-Branch was formed, the members resolved to host a 'Welcome Home' for all members of the services. The ANA Hall was booked, Mrs. Gorman agreed to provide dance music, and first-class artists from Castlemaine were invited to sing or recite. Supper was to be organized by Diggers from the 1914-1918 War, assisted by several ladies.

On the actual night, the attendance was so great that any thought of holding a dance was deemed impossible and the concert program commenced. Later on in the evening, tables were set up in the centre of the hall and, as 34 ex-servicemen filed in to take their seats, they received thunderous applause.

Supper was handed around to all, rows of seats circling the members of the services' table were filled. The speeches were brief. After supper, the hall was cleared for dancing. Digger

Ken Jones carried out the duties of emcee.

At their monthly meetings, the Diggers discussed the idea of building a Memorial Hall and erecting a monument in the Harcourt Cemetery. The monument was eventually placed to the right of, and just inside, the gate.

ANZAC Day observances were organized for Harcourt, with guest speakers from far afield. A Ladies Auxiliary was formed from among the wives, mothers, sisters or daughters of ex-servicemen. In September 1947, half a guinea (10/6) was sent to ANZAC House towards a wedding gift for HRH the Princess Elizabeth. A relief fund was opened. Preference in employment was a hot topic. It was noted that Diggers Jack Code and Trev Quirk had secured (casual) employment as Poll Clerks. These two men became familiar figures on Voting Day for many years. Digger Bert Woods was elected to the Maldon Shire Council and Digger Ben Bingham – a 'Rat of Tobruk' – was elected to the Metcalfe Shire Council. It was clear that the Sub-Branch was growing in influence and effectiveness.

The minute book tells us that the monthly meetings concluded with refreshments and what the RSL minutes described as '*the usual diggers stories*'.

We may suppose that the fortunes of the apple growers and the work at Harcourt's granite quarries were the prime topics of conversation but, just occasionally, something would surface regarding a man's experiences in the forces. Only sometimes and never very much. A practical joke on a troop transport might be recounted, or the strange habits of the Yankee servicemen, but the Diggers rarely mentioned their experiences in combat. Some of these men were unconsciously suffering from PTSD – the effects of having been in conflict situations.

Evidence of the Diggers' fragile state of mind is to be seen in the relationship between the Sub-Branch and the committee of the ANA Hall. Statements had been made in criticism of the Hall. The ANA wrote to the RSL stating that, unless they receive an apology through the Press, no future bookings would be accepted from the Sub-Branch. At the next meeting of the RSL a motion that

'no apology be sent' was carried with a large majority.

For several months the Sub-Branch met in Jim Ely's fruit shop. Then, from July 1948 the meetings were held in the Methodist Sunday School Hall. The Diggers still held fast to the idea of building their own club rooms, but in December 1950, at the invitation of the Shire of Maldon, the Diggers agreed to take up the role of Committee of Management of the North Harcourt Hall. The Sub-Branch had a home at last.

In the meantime, a set of memorial gates had been unveiled (in 1950) in Stanley Park. Reciprocal visits with Diggers from other branches of the RSL were conducted, always an occasion for warmth and fellow feeling. Money that had been saved up to build a memorial hall was used to construct a supper room on the North Harcourt Hall.

From 1951 the minutes of the RSL Sub-Branch are mainly concerned with the administration of the North Harcourt Community Hall, even referring to efforts to improve the supply of irrigation water to the orchards, a common theme to be found whenever Harcourt folk could find a forum to air their views.

The account books of the Sub-Branch reveal that it was experiencing a thinning of the ranks. By 1970 the original 76 had fallen to fifteen financial members. The Harcourt RSL Sub-Branch merged with Castlemaine RSL in November 1971. Thereafter, the administration of the North Harcourt Hall reverted to a committee answerable to the Shire of Maldon. The subsequent (sometimes dramatic) history of the Hall is outside the scope of this article.

In the years 1946-1971, the Harcourt RSL Sub-Branch was, perhaps, after the orchardists' and irrigators' associations, the most cohesive and influential group in the history of Harcourt. It provided a valued network of fellowship for the men who had to regroup in the Harcourt Valley after their 1945 discharge from the armed forces.

**Compiled for *The Core* by Harcourt Heritage Centre. The Centre holds a copy of the Minute Books and Account Books of the Sub-Branch.**



# Harcourt Bowling Club

As is often the case, this time of year seems even busier for the bowling club as club championships are completed and our club tournaments are played.

## Ladies 100-Up Competition

On Saturday 16 March, the Club Ladies' 100-Up Final was played out between Wendy Chaplin and Fran Corstorphan in front of an enthusiastic crowd. After two hours, Fran was the winner with a comfortable lead. Congratulations!



Fran and Wendy.

## Grant Mixed Pairs

The Grant Mixed Pairs annual club tournament took place on Sunday 17 March. Held in the memory of foundation members Charlie and Freda Grant, this popular event is keenly contested. This year, 15 pairs competed in 3 games of 8 ends playing with 3 bowls. Winners of the day were Libby and Rod Harris, with Kathy and Les Harding runners-up. John Grant presented the perpetual trophy to the winners on behalf of his family.



John Grant (centre) presents the trophy to the winners, Libby and Rod.

## Ladies' Drawn Pairs

The Ladies' Drawn Pairs was played on Tuesday evening 19 March. In perfect

weather the drawn pairs played 3 games of eight ends, finishing the evening with a delicious meal prepared by some of the men bowlers. The overall winners on the night were Pam MacGregor and Meg Tucker, with runners-up Judi Miles and Kay Francis.



Pam and Meg with their trophy.

## Birthday Presentation

Before taking to the green for the drawn pairs, as is the custom for significant '0' birthdays, a presentation was made to Judi Miles in celebration of her 70th Birthday. The beautiful cake (shared over dessert) was made by Wendy Chaplin. Congratulations Judi!



## Weekend Pennant 8-Pin Winners

During the last round of Weekend Pennant, one rink of Harcourt Division 7 Blue team scored an eight against Campbells Creek. As is the custom, a pin for such an occasion is presented to the team. The winners present on a Friday



Weekend Pennant Rnd 14 8-pin winners.

night in March were congratulated and presented with their 8-pins. Pictured are Russell Maltby, Carl Roberts and Vinka Maltby. The Skip on the day, Kay Francis, was not present and received her pin later.

## Ladies' Nominated Pairs

Harcourt Ladies' Nominated Pairs championship is still being played out with some great results and good bowling on display by all the teams competing. The final of this hotly contested championship is some way off; it will be interesting to see the outcome and who will still be in it!

## The Men's Nominated Pairs and 100-Up

These are still ongoing – no details were available as we go to print.

## Girls on the Green

For four weeks during March we held Girls on the Green fun nights to encourage more women to enjoy bowls in a relaxed environment. We were fortunate to have good weather and a good turn up for each of our Wednesday nights. Six to eight teams competed and enjoyed themselves. For many, it was the first time they had bowled and for most it was their first visit to Harcourt Bowling Club. It is hoped to hold another of these events later in the year.



## Jackpot Bowls

Jackpot Bowls was moved to Wednesday mornings and continued for a while with reduced numbers. It was decided to suspend this event until later in the year when we expect renewed interest.

## Friday Social Nights

Friday Night Social nights continue with member's draw at 6.30 pm followed by the ever-popular raffle draws. Our bar manager, Barry has stocked the fridges with a great range of non-alcoholic drinks, as well as the usual drinks on offer, all at reasonable prices. So come on down and join us.

## Memberships

New social or playing members are always welcome at Harcourt Bowling

## Harcourt Bowling Club

Continued ...

Club. Applications for membership can be collected from the bowling club or downloaded from the website at [www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au](http://www.harcourtbowlingclub.com.au)

### Coming Up In April/May

#### Every Friday night

Friday night socials/members draw.

#### Sunday 19 May

Annual General Meeting.

#### 20 April

Rice Memorial Triples.

Presentation Night/End of Season celebration.



## Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball 2024 Season Fixture Release

See the back page of *The Core* for the MCDNFL fixture

The McDonalds Maryborough Castlemaine DFNL is proud to release the fixture for the 2024. In an exciting new era for the MCDNFL with the amalgamation of Maryborough Rovers and Royal Park FNC's into a newly formed Maryborough Giants FNC.

The MCDNFL Season will be made up of 18 rounds and all teams will have 2 byes throughout the season. The season commences in round one, with one game on Saturday 6 April, and the remaining round one games on Saturday 13 April. The season will conclude with the Grand Final to be held at Princes Park, Maryborough on Saturday 14 September 2023.

#### Highlights for the 2024 Season Include:

- **Inaugural Maryborough Giants Game:** Maryborough Giants v BA Roads Talbot Hawks on April 6.
- **Remaining RD1 Fixtures & Senior Football Grand Final Rematch** – April 13
- **A Grade Grand Final Rematch in RD6** – May 18
- **King's Birthday Bye** – June 8
- **Finals Week 1** – August 24 and 25
- **Grand Final** – September 14

Tom McGregor

Operations Manager

McDonalds Maryborough Castlemaine DFNL

From a Press Release

## Harcourt Carpet Bowls

Summer Carpet Bowls comes to an end with a final games night on the 27th March 2024 followed by a fantastic supper provided by the members. And next year we hope to do it all again!!!

Winners of the Summer Competition were the 'Delta Team' consisting of Des Dooley, Des Rice, Tyrone Rice, Victor Rodda and Dot Farley. The winners shield hangs at the Leisure Centre.

We started the season with 16 players, but this has dwindled down to 12 on some nights but we still managed to make two teams and have a good competitive game on one mat.

You can't keep Carpet Bowlers down; they love the game.

We hope to be able to get a few more interested in playing bowls to keep the Association going after 72 years playing in Harcourt.

Carpet Bowls was first played in the ANA Hall (now the Heritage Centre) then moved into the Harcourt District Leisure Centre when it was opened.

## HARCOURT CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2024

7.30 PM

MEETING ROOM

HARCOURT DISTRICT LEISURE CENTRE  
BINGHAMS RD, HARCOURT

Everyone is welcome to the meeting where we will decide on the feasibility of continuing Carpet Bowls in Harcourt. We are one of the few clubs still going after COVID when many Victorian clubs closed due to the age of players nervous about getting out again after COVID.

So, come along and bring a friend to the meeting, or indicate your interest in playing if you can't get to the meeting so we can count numbers. Thank you.

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# Elves in Harcourt?



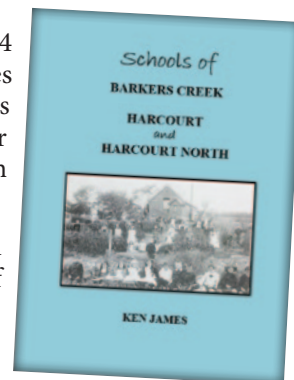
Towards the end of March, an elven chapter of the Swordcraft community gathered at Henry of Harcourt for live action role playing (LARP'ing). There are medieval and fantasy themes in Swordcraft role play which revolves around battles between warring factions using strengthened foam swords and shields. Combat is played in full costume under strict rules with a prearranged storyline. This day's scenario involved peasants (the Bretons), the elves and various key players such as a healer, a lady (with special powers), a virtually immortal knight etc. Once organised the battles are played out, to be followed, on this day with a dinner, cider, forgiveness and reconciliation. When there is a full Swordcraft gathering (elves, goblins, knights, heroines, wizards etc) there can be upwards of 200 people, and most weekends they do it all again!

# INVITATION

You are invited to the launch of a new book by Ken James, *Schools of Barkers Creek, Harcourt and Harcourt North* on Sunday 19 May at the Harcourt Valley Heritage and Tourist Centre.

The 390-page book includes 24 chapters, surname index, references as well as many photos. The emphasis of the book is on the district's former schools, so there is only a brief mention of Harcourt Valley Primary School.

The number of copies printed will be determined by the number of pre-orders received. There will only be a very limited number of copies available for purchase on the day. Accordingly, to be guaranteed of a copy, it is highly recommended that copies be pre-ordered at the cost of \$50 per copy from Ken – Mobile: 0457 600 668. Email: [knjames47@gmail.com](mailto:knjames47@gmail.com)



As it takes time to order and receive copies from the printer, the deadline for placing orders is Tuesday April 9.

Books will be available for pick up at the launch or can be posted (\$14.80).

**Refreshments will be available after the launch. A donation to help cover catering costs would be greatly appreciated. Please let Ken know if you will be attending.**



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## MADE FOR MORE

# Congratulations to The *Chewton Chat*

What an achievement! Those of us at *Harcourt News/The Core* send our best wishes to the team that produces the 'Chat' as it is affectionately known. Led by Editor in Chief, John Ellis, the *Chat* has welded the Chewton community together and is a community newspaper success story. Both *The Core* and the *Chat* belong to the Community Newspaper Association of Victoria. John has contributed significantly over the years to that committee and the *Chat* has been recognised by the CNAV with multiple awards including: Best Editorial Comment (multiple years), Best News Feature Story and Best History Article. You can find out how the community celebrated this milestone by reading the article below taken from the April 2024, *Chewton Chat*. Use the link: [www.issuu.com](http://www.issuu.com) and type *Chewton Chat* into the search area to read the most recent complete edition.

## *The Chewton Chat – 300 editions of creating and recording our history*

Last Friday 22nd March, about 30 'Chewtopians' gathered to celebrate the 300th edition of the *Chewton Chat*. It was a chance to recognize the contribution of so many volunteers, most especially the founder and Editor-in-Chief John Ellis. And it brought home to me the role the *Chat* plays in making Chewton such a dynamic, rich and strong community. Like a ball of string binding us together, the *Chat* is one of the key ways that we connect with one another.

As the mic went around the Town Hall, it became clear that one of the *Chat's* functions has been to signal our community spirit to potential new residents. We realized that at least two well-loved locals decided to make their homes in Chewton after reading the *Chewton Chat* on a visit. They quickly realized that this is the kind of community they want to live in. Thanks to the *Chat*, people with a commitment to community self-select to make Chewton their home. For others, the *Chat* was a connection to work, and an introduction to our thriving village.

John and Jan Wozitsky shared how the *Chat* was instrumental in reigniting our pride in a shared history. We heard the story of how we got heritage recognition of the Monster Meeting site and how the 1851 Monster meeting was really the first time that workers stood united in protest against the government in Victoria. Finally, Chewton came out from the Ballarat shadow.

'It's been a fabulous ride,' John told us, reminiscing about the start of the *Chat* in 1999 and its origins. 'Perhaps there is rebellion in the waters of Forest Creek, because even the origin of the *Chat* is embedded in protest. At the outset it sprang up, against efforts by the then new Mt. Alexander Shire Commissioners who intended to sell the Chewton Post Office.'

So some things have changed significantly, and others have stayed the same. The *Chat* has moved online, where it's more accessible to a wider audience, but written history is still important, so the hard copy will continue to be circulated and stored at the State and National libraries for future curious historians.

We see the trend of community newspapers being closed down or written in big centres far from the local towns. As a group on Friday night, we realised how precious it is to have a local community newspaper, written by local people who know their community.

The celebration was simple, heartfelt, and well catered, and I don't think anyone left without a little bit of pride at being part of this rebellious and welcoming community, wrapped in the warmth of community connection through the *Chewton Chat*.

Sandy Joffe

# Malmsbury Village Fayre

## The best of the past, present and future



One of the largest fairs in regional Victoria, the Malmsbury Village Fayre attracts crowds from across the state. It's an event that brings wonderful food, fun and family entertainment to the historic Malmsbury Botanic Gardens; this year amid the beautiful blaze of autumn.

This year the Fayre invites 'chrononauts' from all eras to celebrate the theme, 'time travellers welcome'. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to dress up in costumes spanning the past, present and future.

Highlights include free family attractions such as storytelling, face-painting and a bubble fairy, along with excellent live music, numerous food trucks offering delicious sustenance, and more than fifty stalls showcasing the best of local wine, produce, and finely crafted items.

Kathryn Allen, president of the Fayre Committee, said, 'The Committee has worked hard to bring back this much-treasured event, and 2024 will be better than ever, celebrating Malmsbury in all its autumnal glory. It's a great day to find a spot on the lawns, grab a glass of local wine or cider and some delicious treats from one of the many food trucks; and, of course, to browse the stalls and enjoy a wealth of free music and entertainment.'

Musical director Andy Rigby added, 'Malmsbury Village Fayre brings you a quality programme of music across a variety of styles. All acts are based in the Macedon Ranges and Central Victoria, and range from solo singer-songwriters through to community gypsy bands to jazz, Cuban and soul acts. All are top quality, with many appearing on stages all around the country.'

**This popular fixture of the Macedon Ranges calendar will take place at the Malmsbury Botanic Gardens on Sunday 28 April 2024 from 10 am to 3 pm. Entry via gold coin donation. For more details, visit: [www.malmsburyvillagefayre.org.au](http://www.malmsburyvillagefayre.org.au)**



# Natural Capital Forum

## Balancing the books between nature, productivity and people

Join us at the upcoming Natural Capital Forum on Thursday, June 13, 2024, in Bendigo, where we'll be delving into the crucial balance between nature, productivity and people.

Natural capital refers to the world's stocks of natural assets, which include geology, soil, air, water, and all living organisms. These resources provide a wide range of services that benefit humans, from food and raw materials to clean air and water, and even recreational opportunities. Learn how you can make natural capital on your property work for you.

This event is tailored for land managers, primary producers, farmers, Landcare members and support organisations eager to explore the wealth of Natural Capital opportunities in the North Central CMA region.


Throughout the forum, we'll emphasise farm-scale natural capital accounting, strategies for enhancing productivity, making the most of marketing opportunities, fostering environmental stewardship and delving into nature-based solutions, including environmental markets for biodiversity and carbon.

Save the date and stay tuned for more details on speakers, key topics and agenda refinement. Stay tuned for more details or to request an invitation, please email [info@nccma.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@nccma.vic.gov.au).

**Don't miss out on this invaluable opportunity to connect, learn, and find out to how to maximise on natural capital. Join us in balancing the books between nature, productivity and people at the North Central Natural Capital Forum.**

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# Grace Church

*This is a statement of faith from Grace Church.*

## The Persecuted Church

Recently Grace Church had a visit from our Voice of the Martyrs (V.O.M.) representative Pastor Marcel Enuica. He reminded us of the need for Christians around the world who are free to worship to stand side by side with those brothers and sisters in Christ who are oppressed, persecuted, and even martyred for their faith.

The support asked for is, firstly, prayer, and secondly, financial (donations to V.O.M. are tax deductible). V.O.M. pledges that 100% of monies donated to specific funds will reach the field.

The 'go to' Bible verse for the V.O.M. is Hebrews 13:3 which says:

Remember the prisoners as if chained with them – those who are mistreated – since you yourselves are in the body also.

V.O.M. has been operating in Australia since 1969; 55 years this year. V.O.M. International works in 68 countries. A visit to your Church or mid-week group to raise awareness of the plight of persecuted Christians is only a phone call or email away – the phone number is 02 4759 7000. Email: [info@vom.com.au](mailto:info@vom.com.au)

With regard to individual countries: Seven thousand Christians have fled from Syria following years of civil war and persecution. Ninety percent of Christians in Iraq have fled since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003. One thousand Christians in Nigeria have been killed, and hundreds of thousands now live in camps for persecuted people as persecution continues in north and central Nigeria.

For Christians in North Korea, practicing their faith is absolutely forbidden. Some Christians have defected and live undercover in China; others make the dangerous journey to South Korea. Three million Christians in Somalia have been displaced within the country. Persecution by militants has driven many Christians to Kenya.

You can help; you can pray; you can give! Your persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ will thank God for you daily.

*Ps Roger Thurect*

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# Katie Finlay's Fruit Growing Tips

## Fabulous Apple and Pear display at Applefest



Did you get a chance to taste all the different types of apples at this year's Applefest? Once again, Harcourt growers did us proud and the Fruit Growers tent was able to present a fabulous display of varieties, all grown here in Harcourt.



We'd like to give a special shout-out to Gavin Lang from Langdale Orchards and Trevor Peeler from the Harcourt Co-operative Coolstores for gathering apples and pears from most of Harcourt's growers. Henry of Harcourt added interest to the display with some of their cider apples. The Orchard Keepers (that's the orchard on our place) also contributed many varieties to the display, with plans afoot to be bringing many more of the old heritage varieties to the public in coming years.

We'd also like to thank Joe from Redlands Orchards for generously donating some of the new varieties they have under development, including Dazzle and Sassy apples. Most of Redlands fruit is grown for the export market, so the Applefest is a rare opportunity for locals and visitors to taste some of these world-class apples that are being developed right here in Harcourt.

Here are some of the varieties we had on display. (How many have you heard of?): Beurre Bosc (pear), Bonza, Bramley, Chieftain Red Delicious, Corella (pear), Cox's Orange Pippin, Dazzle, Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Gravenstein, Jonagold, Jonathan, Josephine (pear), Kingston Black, Michelin, Mutsu, Packham (pear), Sassy, Somerset Gala, Snow, Sturmer Pippin, WD Gala, Williams bon Cretien (pear), Winter Nelis (pear), Ya Li Nashi, Yarlington Mill. (There were more but we can't remember what they were!)

### Help prevent the spread of Fruit Fly

What a beautiful start to autumn. It's been another mild, late season. Fruit is ripening slowly and the trees are just starting to change colour. It looks like we'll be in for a stunning display this year.

Fruit fly has made its presence known late in the season. We've found a few infected pieces of fruit in one of the plum varieties at our place. Our protocols seem to be working well, but we're asking anyone who buys fruit from us (or any other grower in Harcourt) to be part of the front-line defence system by letting us know if any infected fruit slip through our controls.

The other thing you can do to help prevent fruit fly from spreading is to educate yourself about how to manage this pest in your home garden. The biggest risk is unmanaged and feral fruit trees. If fruit flies are allowed to get established in fruit trees in backyards, on roadsides, or in the bush (or the mountain bike park, in Harcourt's case) – that's when the pressure can really start to build up.

If you've got a fruit tree please keep monitoring your traps and fruit right until the end of the season. Follow all the hygiene recommendations, which are mainly about cleaning up ALL your fallen fruit as soon as it falls. (This stops the fruit fly larvae from getting into the soil to finish their lifecycle.) This one simple thing can make a big difference to how hard we'll be hit next season. You can definitely help to make a big difference to whether we can all (orchardists and backyard growers) keep growing fruit into the future.

If you have a fruit tree you can't look after, please think about getting rid of it this winter and replacing it with a beautiful ornamental!

### Time to remove nets over fruit trees

Now is the time to put away your nets if you used them on your fruit trees over summer. Nets get damaged and wear out much faster if they're left out in the weather all year. Early autumn is the perfect time for this job because they slip off more easily while the tree still has leaves, so don't wait too long to get the job done. Of course if your apple or pear tree still has fruit, then leave the nets in place for now, because the birds will take advantage of the free feed if you take them off early.

If you've used drape netting (as opposed to having put up some sort of frame to hold

the net off the tree) a handy tip is to use a long stick to push the nets off the tree, being careful not to damage the ends of the limbs if possible. Disentangle any twigs, branches, leaves, or rotten fruit before you pack them away. If you can pack and store them so they're rat-proof, you'll thank yourself next summer when you go to put them out again. If the net has any holes (from persistent kangaroos, for example), your future self will thank you very much if you repair the nets now, before you put them away. This is usually a simple matter of sewing the holes up with UV-stable nylon thread, or tying the edges together with cable ties or even hayband (baling twine).

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

**Hugh and Katie Finlay are certified organic orchardists and offer Grow Great Fruit organic home fruit growing courses. They're also founding members of the Harcourt Organic Farming Co-op. Head to [www.growgreatfruit.com](http://www.growgreatfruit.com) to sign up for their free Weekly Fruit Tips newsletter, and register for one of their free online workshops.**

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### Down:

- Upper-crust Leonardo? (3,6 or 3-6)
- For purl and curettage once—that's plain. (8,7)
- Dapper? Then clock the cravat! (4-5)
- Please, sir, make a couple of frames for me to train plants on. (9)
- To collect and refine ptomaine to poison the PM would be butterfingered at heart... (5)
- Road junction to possess small city. (4)
- New French Kitchen Rules? (8,7)
- Long rule and study ship. (5)
- Put gnomonic question to IT staff—it won't be solved by this! (9)
- One way to enter a pet (Neater pet, perhaps)? (9)
- Let's alarm the Australian public—will they see through it? (5,1,3)
- Drinking vessel and the dark part of the soul are redolent of love's arrows and their source. (5)
- Back precursor to IVF and yeasty item under the Aswan dams. (5)
- First man on reference list, or first woman? Let's be non-sexist and say 'author'... (4)

### Across:

- Half-hearted attempt to neither let your disc-ration be your tooter nor use those discs in supermarket trolleys... (5,10)
- Primary element resides in cripple. (9)
- After bandage has been this around, it covers this under... (5)
- I cure latte set by dividing them into a network. (10)
- Tell how to get the bird around? (4)
- Looking this way, one could partially clean up. (7)
- First part of 20dn also goes into making these domes. (7)
- Where I go when my sweetheart smiles at me? (3)
- Second-rate versions of these farms would be top-of-tree or bank components. (7)
- Spotless mother goes to embrace prisoner. (7)
- What to do with a Choo-Choo Bar? (4)
- Strength of working-class short black? (10)
- The only silent structure remixed to bear the current. (5)
- DLP chap mixes it with bride for army chap. (9)
- Amend, in gentlest way, this nested alignment when you've smelt neat ending. (And lo! You will have achieved it!) (15)

# March 2024 Xwd Solution

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### Down:

- [I shot]vehicle inspection device haphazardly.
- Only a [pseudo git] with a [stupid ego] would disregard this [semiotic help].
- Hands-off sort of philosopher? [Well?]
- Where the hidebound churchman came from? [Well? Augustine of...]
- [Mean] hide to strike sparks? [Well?]
- Snake may revert to tight posture from effect of firearm. [Well?]
- The 10% that bind, by the sound of it [Well?]
- Reflected wisdom? [Well?]
- Brazen and shaven... [Well?]
- Not a [lot weighs] on it for me, so you can proceed tunefully for all I care...
- Taxpayer forcibly removed by Bronnie's chopper? [Well? A bit late...]
- Chew rellies and steal [game].
- Five plus three of these to get all the way round. [Well? Eight parts of the circle...]
- Where the Real Self should be aimed? [Well?]
- Ground a [near th]ing, poles apart and lacking a small amount [Ig].
- Pl[ease] locate something I can use to paint.

### Across:

- Porcine ablation? Rot! [Well?]
- What to do to Indian bread to make pizza? [sorry...]
- Dark Freudian force has me coming back from Chartres [moi...] with their characteristic form of expression.
- Phil the Greek a heavyweight at uni [Well?]
- What corruption commission lacks [Well?]
- Helpers to [dress FIFO]workers.
- [Poser now "humbling" (twit!)] is just self-promoting...
- ...[and] removed from robber in wild terrain, leaving prison on board.
- (see 5)
- (see 13)
- [I ran chefs]at a chain of restaurants.
- When Con emigrated to Athens, it left the island less specific and definite.
- Machine might [cramp coot], or any other bird trapped inside.
- Tied by Ronnie? [Well? R D Laing...]
- Not the full monty for diner? [Well?]
- Bunch of fives in one's grasp? [Well?]

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**Wednesday April 10:** 3.30 – 5 pm and 6 – 7.30 pm; Outcomes of Flood Study in Harcourt with representatives of the NCCMA, Heritage Centre, High Street, Harcourt.

**Thursday April 11:** 7 pm Landcare meeting, Heritage Centre High Street Harcourt

**Wednesday April 17:** 7.30 pm AGM of the Harcourt Carpet Bowls Association at the Harcourt District Leisure Centre.

**Sunday April 21:** 10 am Landcare Working Bee, Picnic Ground Barkers Creek. 0467 670 271 for details.

**Thursday April 25:** ANZAC Day: 2.30 pm Heritage Centre; 2.50 pm march from Heritage Centre; 3 pm ANZAC observance at the War Memorial.

**Sunday 28 April:** 2.30 pm Concert, Harcourt Uniting Church see details on page 13.

**Sunday May 19:** Book Launch, Schools of Barkers Creek, Harcourt and Harcourt North, by Ken James at the Harcourt Heritage and Tourist Centre. Time will be available in the April edition of *The Core*.

**Carpet Bowls:** 7 pm Wednesdays, Carpet Bowls, summer and winter, Leisure Centre, Bingham Road, Harcourt. Summer season commences Wednesday November 8.

**CFA:** Brigade meeting night is the third Monday of each month starting at 8.00 pm; Sunday morning equipment checks and maintenance runs starts at 9.00 am; siren is tested at 9.15 am. Contact: Captain Andrew Wilson for further details 0428 387 339. CFA is located in Bridge Street, Harcourt.

**CWA:** First Thursday of the month, 1.30 pm at Harcourt Leisure Centre, Bingham Road, Harcourt.

**Grace Church:** Tuesdays at 10.30 am: Morning tea and prayers; Sunday Service at 11.00 am; 30 Buckley Street, Harcourt. Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm: Zoom Bible Study: A Christian discipleship course covering the basics of the faith. All welcome, you can commence at any time. Please contact the Pastor for a link: [pastor@gracecastlemaine.org.au](mailto:pastor@gracecastlemaine.org.au)

**Harcourt Bowls Club:** See page 18

**Harcourt Lions Club:** Third Thursday of the month at the Victorian Miniature Railway, Harmony Way at 6.30 pm for dinner (something to share) followed at 7.30 by general planning and discussion.

**Heritage Centre:** Every Wednesday at the ANA Hall from 9.00 am–3.00 pm or by appointment: 0400 916 527.

**Pony Club:** Second Sunday of the month. Contact Peggy Mills, 0419 902 400. The Pony Club is located next to the swimming pool.

**Uniting Church:** Sundays at 9.00 am in the Uniting Church, Buckley Street, Harcourt. The service is followed by morning tea. All welcome. Donations of food and other household needs for St Vinnies can be left at the Church door on Sunday mornings 9.00–10.00 am or contact, Jan 5474 2226, to arrange for collection.

**Walking Group:** Monday and Thursday at 9.30 am. Meet at the ANA Hall. The one hour leisurely walk is usually followed by morning tea, and new members are always welcome.



# Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.

Police are out there to keep you safe. If you still choose to take risks while driving and break the road rules, chances are you will be caught.

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# MARYBOROUGH CASTLEMAINE DISTRICT FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE FIXTURE 2024

## RD1 - 6TH APRIL

Maryborough Giants	V	Talbot
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## RD1 - 13TH APRIL

Avoca	V	Natte Bealiba
Navarre	V	Campbells Creek
Harcourt	V	Carisbrook
Newstead	V	Dunolly
Lexton	V	Maldon
Trentham		

## RD2 - 20TH APRIL

Trentham	V	Maryborough Giants
Talbot	V	Avoca
Newstead	V	Harcourt
Dunolly	V	Navarre
Natte Bealiba	V	Lexton
Maldon	V	Carisbrook
Campbells Creek		

## RD3 - 27TH APRIL

Avoca	V	Newstead
Carisbrook	V	Campbells Creek
Harcourt	V	Dunolly
Lexton	V	Talbot
Maldon	V	Maryborough Giants
Navarre	V	Trentham
Natte Bealiba		

## RD4 - 4TH MAY

Dunolly	V	Avoca
Campbells Creek	V	Maldon
Carisbrook	V	Newstead
Maryborough Giants	V	Lexton
Trentham	V	Harcourt
Natte Bealiba	V	Navarre
Talbot		

## RD5 - 11TH MAY

Newstead	V	Maldon
Talbot	V	Natte Bealiba
Avoca	V	Trentham
Lexton	V	Carisbrook
Harcourt	V	Maryborough Giants
Campbells Creek	V	Dunolly
Navarre		

## RD6 - 18TH MAY

Carisbrook	V	Avoca
Natte Bealiba	V	Campbells Creek
Maryborough Giants	V	Dunolly
Maldon	V	Harcourt
Navarre	V	Lexton
Trentham	V	Talbot
Newstead		

## RD7 - 25TH MAY

Trentham	V	Campbells Creek
Talbot	V	Harcourt
Lexton	V	Newstead
Avoca	V	Navarre
Dunolly	V	Natte Bealiba
Maryborough Giants	V	Carisbrook
Maldon		

## RD8 - 1ST JUNE

Campbells Creek	V	Avoca
Carisbrook	V	Talbot
Maldon	V	Dunolly
Newstead	V	Maryborough Giants
Natte Bealiba	V	Trentham
Harcourt	V	Navarre
Lexton		

## 8TH JUNE - KINGS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

## RD9 - 15TH JUNE

Avoca	V	Maldon
Campbells Creek	V	Lexton
Navarre	V	Carisbrook
Talbot	V	Dunolly
Maryborough Giants	V	Natte Bealiba
Trentham	V	Newstead
Harcourt		

## RD10 - 22ND JUNE

Dunolly	V	Trentham
Talbot	V	Maldon
Newstead	V	Navarre
Carisbrook	V	Natte Bealiba
Lexton	V	Avoca
Harcourt	V	Campbells Creek
Maryborough Giants		

## RD11 - 29TH JUNE

Avoca	V	Talbot
Campbells Creek	V	Newstead
Carisbrook	V	Trentham
Navarre	V	Maryborough Giants
Natte Bealiba	V	Harcourt
Maldon	V	Lexton
Dunolly		

## RD12 - 6TH JULY

Campbells Creek	V	Talbot
Maldon	V	Newstead
Navarre	V	Natte Bealiba
Lexton	V	Dunolly
Maryborough Giants	V	Harcourt
Avoca		
Carisbrook		
Trentham		

## RD13 - 13TH JULY

Maryborough Giants	V	Avoca
Dunolly	V	Carisbrook
Harcourt	V	Maldon
Trentham	V	Lexton
Talbot	V	Navarre
Campbells Creek		
Natte Bealiba		
Newstead		

## RD14 - 20TH JULY

Avoca	V	Harcourt
Campbells Creek	V	Maryborough Giants
Carisbrook	V	Lexton
Natte Bealiba	V	Dunolly
Newstead	V	Trentham
Navarre		
Maldon		
Talbot		

## RD15 - 27TH JULY

Trentham	V	Avoca
Dunolly	V	Campbells Creek
Natte Bealiba	V	Carisbrook
Navarre	V	Maldon
Talbot	V	Newstead
Maryborough Giants		
Harcourt		
Lexton		

## RD16 - 3RD AUGUST

Avoca	V	Campbells Creek
Carisbrook	V	Navarre
Lexton	V	Maryborough Giants
Maldon	V	Talbot
Newstead	V	Natte Bealiba
Harcourt	V	Trentham
Dunolly		

## RD17 - 10TH AUGUST

Trentham	V	Carisbrook
Dunolly	V	Talbot
Maryborough Giants	V	Newstead
Campbells Creek	V	Navarre
Natte Bealiba	V	Maldon
Lexton	V	Harcourt
Avoca		

## RD18 - 17TH AUGUST

Navarre	V	Avoca
Newstead	V	Campbells Creek
Dunolly	V	Lexton
Maldon	V	Trentham
Talbot	V	Maryborough Giants
Harcourt	V	Natte Bealiba
Carisbrook		

## QUALIFYING & ELIMINATION FINALS 24TH & 25TH AUGUST

## SEMI FINALS 31ST AUGUST & 1ST SEPTEMBER

## PRELIMINARY FINALS 7TH & 8TH OF SEPTEMBER

## GRAND FINAL 14TH SEPTEMBER

